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New group will make sure town is lit up for Christmas

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LIGHT Up Axminster is the name of the new group tasked with organising Christmas Lights in Axminster.

Members of the group held its first collection at Tesco last Saturday (December 17th), and hope for continued support from the whole community.

The group has taken over the role from Axminster Christmas Lights Association (ACLA).

As previously reported, a large number of volunteers came forward after a public meeting called by Axminster mayor and then ACLA chairman Paul Hayward earlier this month.

Light Up Axminster chairman Cindy Furse issued a statement, saying: "I am really excited to be leading this new group, whilst we haven't had long to organise this year's lights, we have managed to get trees above shops and have the wonderful trees donated both on the Minster Green and opposite Lemon Plaice.

"We would like to thank all of those that have supported us in this, from the businesses that have opted for trees above the shops, to those

that have donated the large trees, those that have helped install the trees, offered advice, and the many, many offers of help from volunteers to get it all organised in time.

"We are very much looking forward to building relationships with businesses, community groups and of course the people of Axminster over the coming year".

She also explained that ACLA funds will be transferred to Light Up Axminster.

Regular updates will be posted on the group's Facebook page.



Flood scheme gets approval

A £1 MILLION flood improvement scheme in Axminster has been approved and revived by Devon County Council.

Councillors have agreed to increase the budget for the scheme, which was stopped a few weeks ago because of spiraling costs, at Millbrook.

More than 40 properties were flooded in Axminster during severe storms in the summer of 2012, with The Cricketers and Willhay Lane among the hardest hit.

An ongoing flood risk remains for more than 160 properties.

Devon County Council has been working closely on the scheme with Network Rail, and additional work has been needed to ensure the improvements do not have a negative impact on the railway.

A county council spokesperson said: "This has increased the design and construction costs of the scheme by around £370,000.

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First increase in number on the dole since February

THE number of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants in Devon increased by 13 during November.

It is the first rise in the number of claimants since February – the total claimant count now standing at 2,860, which is 23 per cent lower than the same time last year.

The number of youth claimants (aged 24 and under) increased by 15 across Devon between October and November.

At a district level, East Devon, Exeter, North Devon and Teignbridge experienced increases of between five and 10 youth claimants.

Torridge and West Devon fell by five youth claimants each, with Mid Devon and South Hams remained unchanged.

Councillor Andrew Leadbetter, Devon County Council's Cabinet Member for Economy and Growth, said: "Whilst November's

JSA data shows a slight rise in claimants for Devon, the overall trend for the year remains encouraging.

"We continue to back schemes aiming to reduce unemployment, boost wages and increase the diversity of the Devon economy.

"Our network of Work Hubs throughout Devon is providing valuable shared employment space for start-ups.

The Devon Delivers Business Promotion grant is also helping businesses tap into growing markets, with initiatives such as Devon's Fab Lab and Enterprise in Schools, helping boost digital skills and encourage entrepreneurial spirit in our youth.

"We are also working with new European Social Fund programmes to help those furthest from the labour market to improve their employability and skills."

Cannabis haul worth £100k seized by East Devon police

POLICE seized suspected cannabis to an estimated street value of £100,000 during a raid in East Devon on December 15th.

Police have not disclosed the exact location of the raid, but officers at the scene tweeted a photo of the haul shortly after it had been seized. The value was estimated at £100,000.

A police spokesperson said that the premises in question were empty when officers struck, so there were no arrests.

In a brief statement issued the following morning, a police spokesperson said: "A warrant was executed yesterday in East Devon, we are unable to comment further on this live investigation, at this time."



Prescriptions reminder

DOCTORS in Devon are urging patients to make sure they have enough medication to see them over the four-day Christmas holiday, as well as reminding people how to access health care services when surgeries are shut.

GP surgeries will close on Friday, December 23rd and, because of the bank holidays this year, won't re-open until Wednesday, December 28th. Information about which pharmacies are open over the festive period is available online at <http://bit.ly/2hL6sJN>



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■ **EARLY MORNING ON THE RIVER AXE** by Richard Austin

▲ Early morning on the River Axe at Axmouth by award-winning local photographer Richard Austin

District council's first civic carol service well attended

PETER HODGES

EAST DEVON reporter

MORE than 100 Devon and East Devon dignitaries and guests attended the first ever East Devon District Council Chairman's Civic Christmas Carol Service, which took place in Sidmouth recently.

VIP guests included the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Devon, Philip Jenkinson, Devon High Sheriff, Angela Gilbert and East Devon MP Neil Parish.

The hour long service, which was led by The Reverend Canon Dr Philip Bourne, featured music by the Sidmouth Town Band and uplifting choral renditions of 'Away In A Manger' and 'Holly And Mistletoe,' sung by children from the local primary school.

The congregation sang a selection of familiar carols, chosen by the local community at the request of Councillor Stuart Hughes, the chairman of East Devon District Council.

Following the service, Councillor Hughes invited his guests to Kennaway House where they enjoyed an afternoon tea.

Commenting on the carol service and tea, Councillor Hughes said: "I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped organise this carol service, especially Maria Pearce from East Devon District Council, and another thank you to all my guests for coming and helping

make this event so special.

"Everyone was on tremendous vocal form and the energetic singing nearly lifted the roof off the lovely parish church.

"I think it is fair to say that this joyful occasion, which I hope will be the first of many civic carol services to be held by future chairmen of the council, has put

everyone well on course for Christmas and it just remains for me to wish all of East Devon a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year."



MP Neil Parish joined Cllr Stuart Hughes for afternoon tea following the first ever Civic Christmas Carol Service

Teenager killed in A3052 crash

A TEENAGE boy died after a car crashed into a tree on the A3052 near Lyme Regis.

The boy, a 17-year-old from Lyme Regis, was pronounced dead at the scene and the driver, a 28-year-old man from Colyton, was flown to Derriford Hospital in Plymouth where he is in critical condition.

The single-car crash, involving a dark-coloured Honda Civic, took place at about 12.30am on Saturday morning at Ware Cross on the Dorset and Devon border.

Police and ambulance crews attended the scene, as well as the police helicopter from Exeter, who flew the driver to Plymouth.

A specialist forensic investigation was carried out at the scene, which resulted in the A3052 being closed for approximately nine hours.

Collision investigators said that it was a particularly complex scene, which accounted for the unusually long road closure.

Police are appealing for witnesses to this incident or anyone who may have seen this car shortly before the incident to contact them by emailing 101@dc.police.uk or call 101 quoting log 30 of 17 December 2016.



Flowers have been left at the scene of the crash on the A3052 in memory of a 17-year-old boy from Lyme Regis
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Campaign brings cheer to local children



■ TEAMWORK: Sam Norris (Axminster Health and Wellbeing Centre), Rob Cope and Maria Henson (both Tesco) with some of the toys

A JOINT enterprise involving Axminster Health and Wellbeing Centre, Tesco and its customers has ensured Christmas cheer for local children.

A fundraising event at the supermarket's Axminster store sparked a huge response.

Tesco community champion (Axminster) Rob Cope said: "We raised over £330 during two

days and purchased toys for around 45 children.

"Tesco Axminster would like to thank the local community for their generosity."

Sam Norris of Axminster Health and Wellbeing Centre (which runs the local foodbank) added: "We are delighted to receive toys as a result of the community fundraising event and

would like to thank the people in our community for their kind and generous support.

"The toys will be offered to families by referral from social services, East Devon District Council, health professionals, head teachers and the Children's Centre - and will no doubt bring Christmas cheer and happiness to local children this Christmas."

ANGELA Holland has scooped second prize in the Rotary South & East Devon Community Raffle, having bought her lucky ticket from Axminster Heritage at Stockland Fair.

The raffle is in aid of local good causes, and is a joint venture involving Axminster, Otter Valley, Sid Valley, Crediton Boniface, Dawlish Water and Teignmouth Rotary Clubs.

The clubs provide the tickets, which are sold by participating community organisations, and ten per cent of the proceeds are used to fund the pool of prizes.

Angela is pictured being presented with a cheque for £500 by John Foulkes, the president of the Rotary Club of Axminster, and Diana Church of Axminster Heritage, representing the charity from which the winning ticket was purchased.

The presentation took place in Axminster Heritage Centre.



Angela wins Rotary raffle

County council greenlight for flood defence scheme

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"Defra has provided an additional £321,000 toward the scheme from its Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA), on top of its original allocation of £240,000.

"Devon County Council is providing an extra £50,000 from its revenue budget for flood prevention work.

Axminster county, town and district councillor Andrew Moulding said: "It was absolute devastation in this part of Axminster after the 2012 storms, and for some families it was more than six months before they were able to get back in their homes.

"Axminster residents have lived with the fear of being affected again, so it is excellent news that the necessary funding and detailed plans are in place to enable the completion of these important flood defence works."

A flood defence wall was constructed last year as part of a first phase of the scheme.

Ahead of phase two, approved by the county council today, preliminary work has installed a 'tree-catcher' debris grill upstream of the culvert beneath Willhay Lane, and channel widening work has been carried out downstream of the railway towards the main River Axe.

Phase two of the scheme will include increasing the size of the existing culvert under Willhay Lane, extending it to connect with the culvert under the Exeter to Waterloo railway line.

East Devon District Council and the Environment Agency are working with the county council on the scheme which is also being funded with a £50,000 local authority levy, £50,000 from East Devon District Council and over £337,000 from Devon County Council.

Work is expected to start in January 2017 for completion in the summer.

Councillor Stuart Hughes, Devon County Council Cabinet Member for Highway Management and Flood Prevention, said: "This is one of the county's highest priorities for flood improvements."

"Working adjacent to the railway has added further challenges and risks, and it has caused a significant increase to the scheme estimate, but these improvements are essential."

"I'm pleased that additional funding requested from Defra has now been approved to enable these essential flood improvements to be delivered."

"This scheme will reduce the flood risk to over 160 properties in this area of Axminster."

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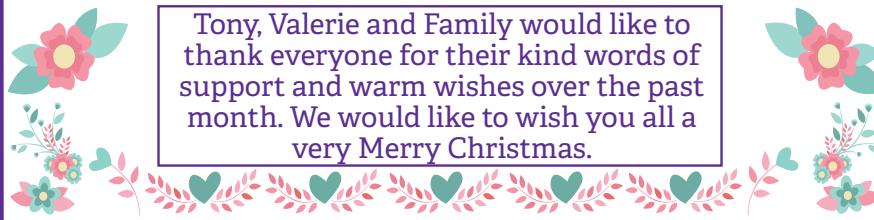


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■ The local business community toasted Christmas when Scott Rowe Solicitors in Axminster threw a party on December 9th. It is tradition for the company to have a Christmas party on the same day as Axminster's Festive Friday, and this year was no exception.

Reading challenge at Axminster Primary

CHILDREN at Axminster Primary Academy took part in a reading challenge earlier this month.

The bell rang at random intervals eight times throughout 'Drop Everything and Read Day' at the school.

Pupils responded to each ring of the bell by putting down their pens and picking up their books for ten minute reading sessions in especially constructed indoor gazebos.

Teacher Donna Butler organised the day and explained that the bell was a signal to drop everything and

read for ten minutes.

The school had set up two themed gazebos as designated reading areas; one had a castle theme, the other one an 'under the sea' theme.

Ms Butler said there is another reading initiative planned for spring.

She also asked for any individuals or businesses interested in donating books or money for new books and the school library refurbishment to get in touch, saying donations would be gratefully received.



Axe Valley students in Germany

A GROUP of Axe Valley Community College students spent a week in Germany, improving their language skills, sightseeing and discussing Europe and Brexit.

They stayed with host families in Kirchweyhe, near Bremen, and were made warmly welcome.

A special reception was organised by Dr Martin Baschta, the headmaster of the hosting school, Kooperative Gesamtschule, who said he hoped this new partnership would continue until and beyond his retirement in 20 years' time.

The trip (which was only made possible by the support of district councillor Andrew Moulding, The Rotary Club of Axminster and an anonymous sponsor from London who gave £1,000) included a visit to the Mercedes Benz factory in Bremen, a chance to experience life as blind people do at Dialogue in the Dark exhibition in Hamburg and the fascinating Emigration Museum in Bre-

merhaven, as well as several of the famous Christmas markets.

"Everyone's German has really improved," said 13-year old Axe Valley pupil, Holly.

"We were in real life situations with our host families and in shops where we had to understand and speak the language."

She went on to say: "We're all truly grateful to our sponsors and the staff whose hard work and effort made this exchange possible."

Another enthusiastic pupil, Ellie, said: "I love German food. The whole experience was amazing and one which will stay with me for my whole life."

Towards the end of the week the Weyhe Municipal Mayor, Dr Andreas Bovenschulte, hosted a reception at the town hall where the subject of Brexit was not avoided.

A college spokesperson explained: "Having voiced his disappointment at the choice of the British public, Dr Bovenschulte's ad-

dress reiterated the hope of Dr Baschta that the young people of Britain would continue to visit Germany for many years to come and that it is the youth who will determine relations with Europe in the future."

Axe Valley pupils, Hannah, Alex and Alexandra, were reported in a local paper, Kreiszeitung, as saying: "For us, Europe is a great community giving opportunities to live or work somewhere else."

When interviewed in German by the more widely read Weser Kurier, A-level student, Matilda, expressed her view on Brexit, saying: "I'm totally against it. I love Germany and hope to be able to work here one day. Brexit may make that harder."

The college spokesperson said: "Some of the pupils have made plans to visit their hosts independently before the Germans arrive in England next April, such is the strength of relations already."

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'Fantastic' Lions' Mole Day leads to £1,200 for Cancer Research

FOLLOWING the recent success of the Honiton and District Lions Club 'Mole Day' in Honiton, the club donated £1,200 to the local branch of Cancer Research UK.

The 'Mole Day', where members of the public were seen by dermatologists to check out any unusual skin blemishes, was a resounding success as 119 people were seen with a couple being referred to hospital for treatment.

Consultant dermatologist Dr Tony Downs, was accompanied by doctors from the Honiton Surgery on the day, and helped to hand over the funds raised to Cancer Research UK towards studies of skin cancers.

Dr Tony Downs, together with Sally Dawes, Honiton Surgery

by Peter Hodges
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Lead Practice Nurse, and Honiton and District Lions President Brian Richards, presented Briony Gotch, manager at the Cancer Research Shop in Honiton, with a cheque for £1,200 from public and Lions Club donations from the event.

Briony Gotch said: "It was a very different way to raise funds and one that I and the Honiton Cancer Research shop team really enjoyed getting involved with. The support and interest from the community was amazing, and so is this donation of £1,200."

Dr Tony Downs added that he has been encouraging these events for many years and willing to give

his time, but this event arranged by the Honiton Lions was one of the best-ever attended, and he congratulated the club on all their hard work in getting the message across to the community.

Dr Downs said: "As the Honiton Lions have also purchased a Dermatoscope (to assist with skin cancer diagnosis) for the Honiton surgery, everyone should think about being checked on a regular basis by their GP. Given several people, unknown to themselves following the mole day, were spotted with having suspicious moles, and we are pleased to say ended up being treated very soon after. Please remember that skin cancers are fifth on the list of cancers in the UK".

Honiton Lions President Brian

Richards finished: "If anything stood out about the day, apart from the numbers, it was the keen interest and the positive comments from the people who attended, plus their willingness to donate

with the club to Cancer Research. It was a fantastic event."

Doctor retires

DR David Ward has retired from Honiton Surgery after 28 years of service.

Dr Ward started at the practice in October 1988, having completed his GP training at RD&E and the Coleridge Medical Centre in Ottery St Mary.

Dr Ward always had strong links with Honiton. His grandmother was born in New Street and her family had been in the town right through the Victorian era. One of his great aunts worked as a decorator at Honiton Pottery.

Dr Ward was particularly involved in the development and use of the computer system at the surgery and by September 1990 there was a computer screen on every desk and shortly afterwards the practice was able to stop using paper notes.

He was also very involved in the research group that started in the practice. He completed an MPhil in 2002 and was particularly interested in research into respiratory diseases such as asthma.

Later on he became involved with medical student teaching at the practice and also became a trainer of GP registrars.

Dr Ward is married to Dr Janet Ward who has also just retired from the practice. They have three children and recently became grandparents. Dr Ward says he is looking forward to an active retirement and being able to pursue his hobbies of travel, gardening and photography. He has also recently joined the Sheldon Singers again, having been a member of the choir in the early 1990s, and will be singing with them in their Christmas concert.



■ DR David Ward has retired after 28 years' service at Honiton Surgery

He looks forward to continuing to be involved in the life of the town and continuing to keep in touch with his patients and practice staff while he is out and about.

Dr Dianne Eddison has been drafted in to replace Dr Ward and as of the start of December officially took over the healthcare of Dr Ward's patients.

Dr Eddison has spent most of her working life based in Edinburgh as a GP and hospital specialist in occupational medicine. She moved south in 2010 and has been recently working in Somerset. Now living in Devon she is looking forward to a shorter commute to Honiton and being able to spend more time in the garden. In addition to her GP role in Honiton she is also the Medical Officer for the new Hinckley Point nuclear power station construction site.



■ JOHN Quinton-Navarro, Sally Dawes - Honiton Surgery Lead Practice Nurse, Consultant Dermatologist Dr Tony Downs, Briony Gotch manager at the Cancer Research Shop in Honiton, Lion Barry Warner and Lion President Brian Richards

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Baton award winner receives trophy

THE 2016 Baton Trophy has been awarded to Honiton resident Chas Fowler.

Baton founder Alan Rowe MBE said: "The trustees were in full agreement as to who should receive it this year."

"Chas has been an absolute star with his consistent and thoughtful support, the kind that every charity is desperate for."

The charity presents the award each year to an individual who has gone the extra mile in their support of the organisation.

The Baton is a military charity,

based in Honiton, which provides vital support for service personnel and their families.

The presentation was made at the historic Exeter Guildhall by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Cynthia Thompson and Devon Deputy Lord Lieutenant Philip Bostock OBE with Baton trustee Baz Gray, former trophy award winner Robert Hayman, Alan Rowe, Senior SSAFA Devon officials and other friends of the Baton.

Alan added: "Also instrumental in Chas' award is his wife Sara, who has done the most incredi-

ble amount of fundraising this year and was instrumental in the Baton being accepted as Otter Nurseries Garden Centre's 'Charity of the Year' where she works."

"Both Chas and Sara have been of immense support to all that the charity stands for and we are truly grateful for their friendship and dedication."

Also announced on the night were the recipients of SSAFA Devon's 47 Christmas hampers, which are handed out to deserving people across the county.



CHAS Fowler (second right) received the 2016 Baton Trophy of the year at a special ceremony in Exeter

'Top Tottie' is the champ



■ TOP honours at the 35th Exeter and District Christmas Prime Stock Show held at Exeter Livestock Market went to British Blue cross heifer 'Top Tottie', which was homebred by Paul and Lin Calcraft from Honiton.

It was the fourth time the couple had claimed the supreme championship at the show in six years.

Top Tottie was born in April 2015 and went on to top the sale at £2,476, purchased by Darts Farm Master Butchers from Topsham.

Paul and Lin Calcraft are pictured above receiving the prize.

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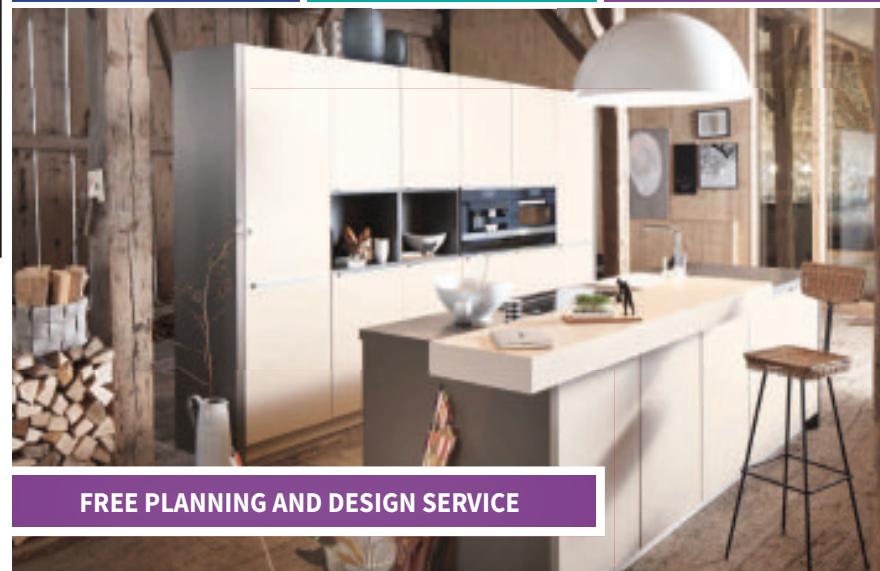
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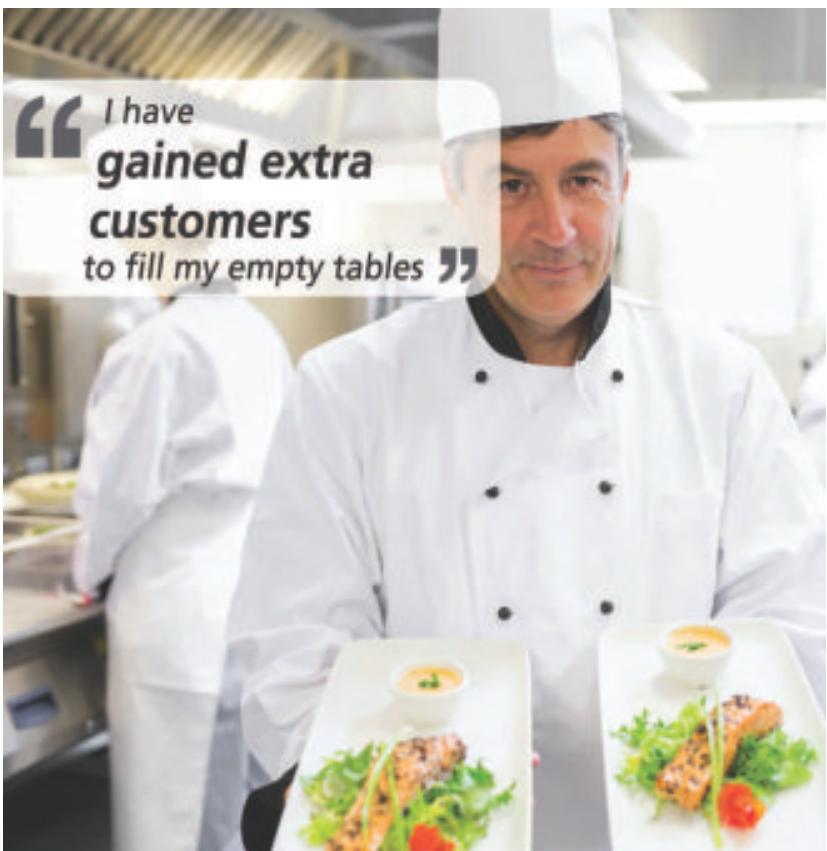
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Mike returns to Peco

LOCAL man Mike Davis, who recently retired from Pecorama in Beer after 15 years, returned to the Beer attraction earlier this month to catch up with friends and colleagues.

What Mike didn't know was that Pecorama directors Michael Pritchard, Ben Arnold and Chris Noake had arranged for Mike to drive one of his beloved steam trains around

the Pecorama Railway, before joining them together with his friends and family for a surprise celebration 'high tea' in the magnificent Orion Pullman Carriage on site.

With an afternoon tea menu, reminiscent of those famously served at the Ritz and the Savoy, Mike enjoyed the afternoon being served with a fine selection of cakes, pastries and

finger sandwiches whilst reminiscing with friends and former work colleagues.

Pecorama chairman, Michael Pritchard, said: "It really was a delightful afternoon and we were so happy that we could surprise Mike in this way as a small token of our affection and to show our appreciation for Mike and all he has done for us over the years."



■ MIKE, seated in the middle on the right next to his wife Pam, with Peco group managing director, Ben Arnold, seated far right in the blue sweater and Peco group finance director, Chris Noake, seated fourth left. Inset, Mike driving 'Claudine'.

Swedish shop's first anniversary



■ LIVE music, food, drink and laughter were on the menu when a Seaton shop celebrated one year of trading.

Affär (which is the Swedish word for 'shop') opened in premises at Cross Street in

December last year, so a birthday party was subsequently held on December 10th this year.

Trade was so brisk that shop owners Charlotte Beards-Kalen, who is Swedish, and Ian Beards

(third and fourth from left in photo) hardly had time to join customers for a photo.

The shop offers a mix of transformed old furniture, modern pieces, rugs, candles, paintings, porcelain and a selection of Swedish food.

Bumper bazaar at Seaton Primary

SEATON Primary School PTA hosted one of its most successful Christmas bazaars ever this year, raising a whopping £2,700.

PTA chairman Davina Symonds said: "We are so grateful to the staff and parents who work so hard to put on lots of different stalls and even braved freezing temperatures with an outdoor food court

serving sausages, mulled wine and hot chocolate.

"Thanks to the support of Seaton businesses, who donated much of the food and drink this year, and a fantastic turnout from parents, the PTA will be able to buy lots more reading books and equipment for the school."

"The funds raised will be used in 2017."

Big turnout for Victorian Market

HUNDREDS of people turned out for the Seaton Artisan Market Victorian Fayre on Saturday, December 10th, despite what organisers described as "dull weather".

"Queen Victoria" opened the market and was impressed with the hand-crafted Christmas products on show from local ar-

tisan traders.

The market is organised by Seaton Town Council, and a spokesperson said: "In addition to the artisan products, there was a host of entertainment to welcome shoppers at the fayre."

"Seaton Primary School Choir performed, followed by

dancing chimney sweeps and parlour maids courtesy of JM-Dancefit.

"Later on, readings from A Christmas Carol took place and shoppers were able to try their hand at Victorian juggling and circus skills."

The artisan market returns in March 2017 for Grizfest.



CLEAN SWEEP: The JMDancefit team of chimney sweeps and parlour maids



COLOURFUL CHARACTERS: 'Queen Victoria' was among those in attendance

Police appeal for witnesses

POLICE are seeking witnesses to an incident in which a man and a woman were the alleged victims of assault.

The incident took place within and outside The Royal Clarence in Harbour Road on Friday, December 2nd at about 10pm.

The police report does not say if they were injured, but the ambulance service was not called to the scene.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101, the crime reference being CR/0854 05/16.

Cafe supports food bank

ST GREGORY'S Parish Church Community Cafe Project has donated £100 worth of food supplies to the Seaton Food Bank appeal.

Formerly known as Freedom cafe, the project is a free community cafe that opens its doors once a

month to everyone living, working or just visiting Seaton.

The cafe is held in St Gregory's Church Centre.

More information is available by emailing freedom-cafe321@gmail.com or phoning 01297 23656.

No strike action at post office

SEATON Post Office sub-postmistress Beverly Truman said it will be business as usual despite the national five-day strike.

Strike action has been announced for staff at the UK's

300 larger Crown Post Offices, but the Seaton branch will not be affected.

Beverly said: "Some customers thought we would be closed, but that is not the case."



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Women's Institutes ROUND UP

COLYFORD: At the meeting on 7th December, the ladies celebrated with their Christmas Party. A generous tea was enjoyed by all and members were thanked for their contributions. There were various readings, both amusing and more thought-provoking. Father Christmas visited with a gift for all and the entries for the 'paper plate angel' competition demonstrated members' creative side. Menu choices were taken for the New Year's meal and ladies were reminded that the annual subscription is due at the January meeting.

On a more sombre note, during the singing of Jerusalem, members remembered their friend Kathy Sawford who passed away in November.

The next meeting is on 4th January when the speaker will talk about growing and using willow. For more information contact Elizabeth Harding on 01297 624250.

MUSBURY AND WHITFORD: Christmas Party night started as usual with apologies and birthday posies, of which there were many.

Then the fun began, with seasonal quizzes, lovely food, and turns by the Committee: Valerie stunned everyone with her awesome clog dancing; also she was Fairy Tinkerbell, she soon wore herself out and had to call in Fairy Counsellor. Meanwhile Santa dressed as a Yeti; he did the usual Santa thing insulting all the guests, and was accompanied by an unhelpful elf, who joined in. Marnie gave a very clever skit on a part of our anatomy, which a family paper wouldn't print, and Margaret gave a monologue about worshiping at St Tesco. Finally Jan Allen, playing the piano, led members in Carols, ending with *The Twelve Days of Christmas* which, as usual, finished in chaos.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 2nd, all welcome.



Christmas social for U3A

HONITON U3A: Over 65 members gathered at the Mackarness Hall for their last meeting of the year – The Christmas Social.

All were welcomed with a glass of sherry or fruit juice before settling down to enjoy the toe-tapping, swing-along Christmas songs of local entertainer Cameron Lemmer.

The afternoon continued with some 'head scratching' quizzes, the first being 'Time Lapse Photo Match'. A large display board showed photos of the committee and group leaders all aged be-

tween 16–25 and alongside were recent photos taken by Photography Group leader John Driscoll, the idea being to match them correctly. This proved much harder than expected but the overall winner was Helen Wale who managed 20 out of the 27.

A second quiz was organised by Susan Unsworth. Every table was given a sheet comprising of 40 well-known advertising slogans and personality catchphrases and all that was required was to write down the correct answers, e.g. 'Have a Break' – Kit Kat and 'I'm free' – John Inman. But they were not all that easy – remembering who said 'O'll give it foive' back in the 1960s turned out to be quite a stumbling block for many. The overall winners were the table led by Suzanne and Stuart Jones who all received prizes for their efforts.

A delicious buffet was also enjoyed as part of the afternoon's delights together with a free prize draw.

Chairman Janet Driscoll hoped that everyone had enjoyed the afternoon, thanked the committee for all their hard work and wished everyone a Very Happy Christmas. She concluded with the reminder that the first meeting of the U3A in the New Year was on 18th January at The Beehive.

Art society stalwarts and competition

AXMINSTER ART SOCIETY: Four members were praised for their efforts when standing down from



STERLING EFFORTS:
Meg Archer-Thomson, Ann Anderson, Rob Chappel (holding the new logo) and Anthea Bareham

various roles.

Meg Archer-Thomson, Ann Anderson both stood down as tea ladies, Rob Chappel left the role as chairman and Anthea Bareham retired as secretary.

They all received gifts during the society's December meeting.

The new Axminster Art Society logo was also revealed.

A competition was held to create the new logo, and the winner was an entry by Barbara Hills, with Barbara Whiteley in second place.

Those entering the competition were asked to produce a logo that was "simple, memorable, timeless, versatile and appropriate".

Devon castles

AXE VALLEY CENTRE, NATIONAL TRUST were given a talk last month by Robert Hesketh entitled 'Devon Castles'. The talk went through the history of local castles from the Iron Age Forts, Motte and Bailey Castles to Castle Drogo. In addition listeners were told of the military installations to protect the coast up to the time of the Napoleonic Wars in the late 1850s. The talk was very enlightening and the audience now have many more places to visit.

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12 Christmas Safety Tips

RoSPA offers simple tips for a safe and happy Christmas: www.rospa.com

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Follow these 12 safety tips to help prevent your festivities being cut short by a trip to casualty:

1. Make sure you buy children's gifts for the correct age group and from reputable sources that comply with standards (e.g. The Toys (Safety) Regulations 2011)

2. Remember to buy batteries for toys that need them - that way you won't be tempted to remove batteries from smoke alarms

3. Look out for small items that could pose a choking hazard to young children, including parts that have fallen off toys or from Christmas trees, button batteries and burst balloons

4. Keep decorations and cards away from fires and other heat sources such as light fittings. Don't leave burning candles unattended, make sure you put them out before going to bed and do not put candles on Christmas trees

5. If you have old Christmas lights, seriously consider buying new ones, which will meet much higher safety standards, keep the lights switched off until the Christmas tree is decorated, don't let children play with lights (some have swallowed the bulbs), and remember to switch off the lights when going out of the house or going to bed

6. Remember, Christmas novelties are not toys, even if they resemble them, and they do not have to comply with toy safety regulations. Give careful thought to where you display them, for example, place them high



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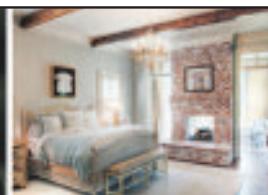
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5 tips for better storage

If finding room for the Christmas presents you received seems impossible, check out these ideas for increasing your home's storage space

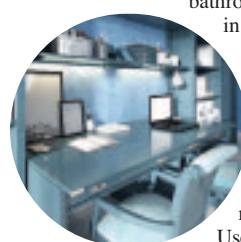


1. ONE room where storage is essential is the bedroom, and while many of us dream of a walk-in wardrobe, most homes don't have space for one. The next best thing is built-in wardrobes, as they provide acres of space and are a more flexible storage solution than freestanding wardrobes. Fitted storage is particularly useful in awkwardly shaped rooms, such as loft bedrooms, where built-in wardrobes can make the most of the space, especially in the eaves. They are usually made to measure, so all the available space is used, and the interiors can be customised with drawers, shelves and hanging rails, etc, depending on your needs. The main downside is the price - fitted wardrobes typically cost thousands of pounds from a specialist company, although a carpenter will often make them for a lot less.

3. In the kitchen, lack of storage can drive you to distraction. A larder is ideal, but may not be an option in a small kitchen, where it's really important to have clever storage and a well-designed layout. Kitchen showrooms and DIY stores can offer ingenious ways of making more of the space, including pull-out worktops, pull-out shelves/racks in larder units, carousels so you can easily access the back of corner units, and tall wall units that provide extra storage in kitchens with higher ceilings.



4. Away from the kitchen, there's potential to create storage space all over the home. Ideas include turning an under the stairs space into a cupboard, window seats with built-in storage, stairs that contain drawers, a vanity unit for extra bathroom storage, and built-in bookshelves and cupboards in alcoves; even a desk. With a bespoke home office, the space can be tailor-made for your computer, printer, files and more.



5. Some of the best storage is, of course, your home's loft. If you need to access it often, fitting a large loft hatch with a built-in ladder will make it much easier. You'll also need to board the loft (if it's not already boarded) before storing things up there. Use sheets of chipboard, or chipboard loft boards, which

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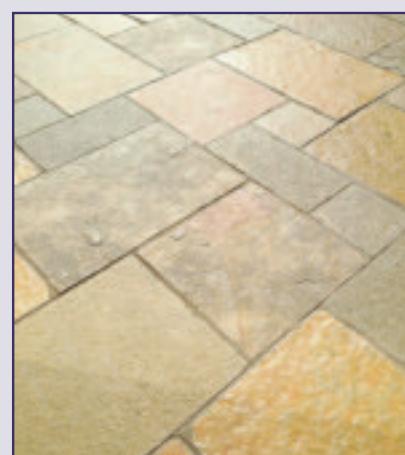
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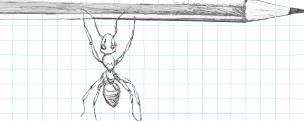
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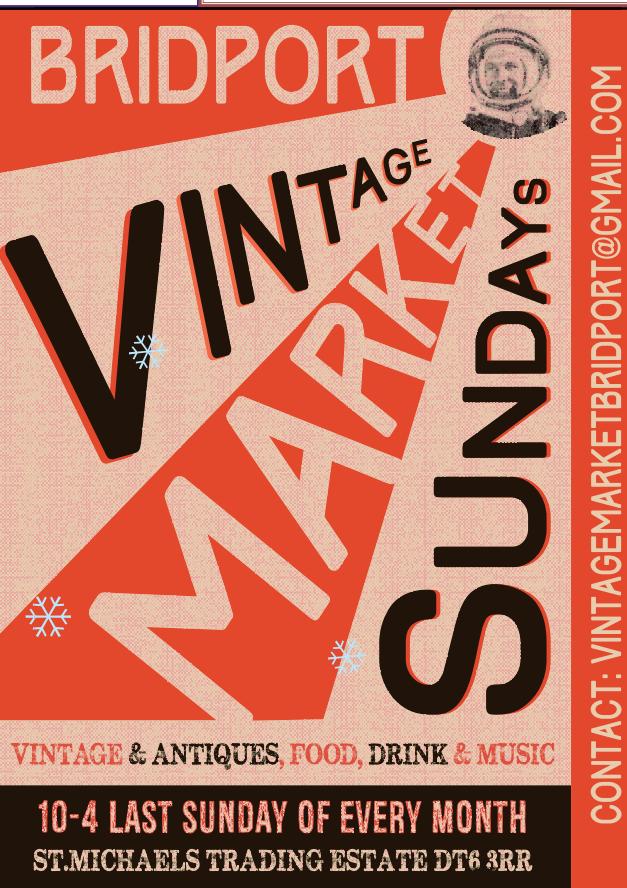


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There are all of the usual Yuletide offerings including the soaps vying for top spot on Christmas day and the Doctor Who Christmas special, which this year will see the time lord travel to the Big Apple for a monstrous adventure.

There are also a plethora of family films, to enthrall both young and old with animated classics, fantasy favourites and awesome action movies to entertain. We have chosen five festive family classics to see you through as well as our top ten television picks over the holiday period.

Christmas Eve 11:20am Despicable Me ★★★★
Join super-criminal Gru as he plots to steal the moon with the help of his adorable assistants the minions.

Christmas day at 3:10pm Frozen ★★★★★
Sing-along with the now infamous theme tune for many wannabe princesses and "Let it Go", as you follow the epic Disney fable of Anna and Elsa.

Boxing Day 4:10pm Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ★★★★★
Harry Potter starts his third year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, with the threat of an escaped Death Eater on the loose.

27th December Raiders of the Lost Ark ★★★★★
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1. ONE of the staples of Channel Four's annual Christmas schedule has been the animated version of Raymond Briggs' The Snowman (C4, Christmas Eve, 4:45pm) since its premiere in 1982, but this year there's also a new short film which no doubt will be repeated for many years to come.

We're Going On a Bear Hunt (C4, Christmas Eve, 7:30pm) is based on the hit bedtime book by Michael Rosen and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury. The half-hour show has been produced by the same team behind The Snowman and its 2012 sequel The Snowman and The Snowdog (C4, Christmas Eve, 5:15pm).

2. SAYING farewell to the Beeb before it finally packs up its soggy bottoms and heads off to Channel Four, is The Great British Bake Off. Two Christmas specials (BBC1, Christmas Day, 4:45pm & Boxing Day, 7:00pm) will see Mary, Mel and Sue together with Paul for one last time. Each instalment sees the show welcome back four bakers from the past to tackle some suitably festive baking challenges.

3. ALTHOUGH there wasn't a new series of Doctor Who this year, Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from The Doctor (well, not since 2005 anyway) and you can catch-up with him in The Return Of Doctor Mysterio (BBC1, Christmas Day, 5:45pm).



The Snowman and The Snowdog
5.15pm Channel4 Christmas Eve

Peter Capaldi's Doctor has to save New York City from mind swapping aliens, with the help of Matt Lucas (who returns as Nardole from last year's Christmas special).

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macabre Inside No 9. A festive special - The Devil At Christmas (BBC2, Dec 27th, 10:00pm) (so maybe not that festive?) - guest stars Rula Lenska and Jessica Raine, who find out first hand of the Austrian legend of Krampus (think the exact opposite of Santa). Set in a snow lodge in 1977, it sounds like it might have a A Tales Of The Unexpected vibe - and might just be the best thing on telly this Christmas.

5. **HAS** no one made a film about The Brontë sisters before now? It seems strange it's taken this long for the story of literature's greatest group of sisters - Charlotte (Jane Eyre), Emily (Wuthering Heights) and Anne (The Tenant Of Wildfell Hall) - to come to the screen, but it looks worth the wait. To Walk Invisible (BBC1, Dec 29th, 9:00pm) reveals the extraordinary story behind their traumatic family life, which no doubt contributed to the creation of their literary masterpieces.

6. **THERE** were a number of music biographies launched in to run-up to Christmas, but the one everyone's talking about is Bruce Springsteen's. Tieing-in with his book, Born To Run, is Bruce Springsteen: In His Words (C4, Dec 29th, 10:35pm) where The Boss talks about his acclaimed tome, as well as reflecting on his career and what motivates him to continue to tour.

7. **ONE** of the finest collaborations between Roald Dahl and illustrator Quentin Blake was the 1982 collection of poems, Revolting Rhymes, which retold six classic fairytales in the way only Dahl knew how. Dominic West leads the voice cast in these two new animated films, bringing the 'alternative' versions of these classic stories to life.

The first film (BBC1, Boxing Day, 6:30pm) sees young Snow White and Red Riding Hood

become lifelong friends as Snow White takes on the might of the wicked Queen, whilst Red is called home to deal with a pair of hungry wolves - one who's eaten her grandma and then dressed in her clothes, while the other can't help himself from eating some unsuspecting pigs. The second film is at the same time the following evening.

8. **THOSE** of a certain age will no doubt remember Mike Read's Pop Quiz with either fondness or - if they were a bit too cool for school - abject hatred. I, for one, have happy memories of those Saturday evenings watching the then Saturday Superstore host teasing the biggest music stars of the day with some particularly tricky questions. And, somewhat bizarrely, Pop Quiz is back - and so is Mike Read.

Nostalgic 80s fun aplenty awaits with the first of two new episodes on December 28th (BBC Four, 9:30pm). Guests on the new run include Toyah Willcox, Nick Heyward (Haircut 100), Carol Decker (T'Pau), Tom Bailey (Thompson Twins), Andy McCluskey (OMD), Steve Norman (Spandau Ballet), David Grant (Linx), Cheryl Baker and Jay Aston (Bucks Fizz), Ranking Roger (The Beat), Mari Wilson and Lee John (Imagination).

9. **FOLLOWING** on from last year's adaptation of And Then There Were None, the Beeb continues its new tradition of Agatha Christie at Christmas with a two-part take on The Witness For The Prosecution (BBC1, Boxing Day, 9:00pm & Dec 27th, 9:00pm).

It's refreshing to see new versions of Christie's whodunnits that don't involve either Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot - there's far more to the best-selling author of all time's canon than

just the elderly spinster and the Belgian sleuth. And although this tale of greed and wounded souls may not be typical festive fare, it could well be a Christmas treat all the same.

It's 1920s London and a murder - brutal and bloodthirsty - has stained the plush carpets of a handsome London townhouse. The all-star cast includes Toby Jones (Detectorists, Marvellous, Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy), Andrea Riseborough (Bloodline, Birdman, Oblivion), Kim Cattrall (Sensitive Skin, Sex And The City) and David Haig (The Thick Of It, Mo, My Boy Jack).

10. **NOT** so much a Christmas highlight - it's not actually on until the New Year - but Sherlock's back! And not with a one-off special either but three all new episodes (yes, series four is finally here after a three year wait). Little is known about the first episode but there are a clues aplenty in the teaser trailer, with Sherlock and Watson sitting across from one another silently, surrounded by floodwater. All will be revealed in The Six Thatchers (BBC1, New Year's Day, 8:30pm).

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FESTIVE Quiz

Just for fun Answers below

1. Which word, often associated with Christmas, stems from the Greek word for circle dance?

2. Which English leader prohibited the singing of Christmas songs?

3. 'Who' catches the Grinch red handed stealing Christmas presents?

4. In which country is St. Nick called Sinterklaas?

5. "Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephan". In which country was Wenceslas king?

6. Apparently, while poking at the fire, the London sweet shop owner Tom Smith got the



inspiration to make what?

7. What does the word Bethlehem mean?

8. Which Christmas tradition, said to have originated in Germany, was banned in the Soviet Union until 1935?

9. Which 1987 action/comedy opens to the music of "Jingle Bell Rock"

10. Traditionally, after kissing someone under the mistletoe, what should you then remove?

11. Name the 3 of Santa's reindeer that start with the letter D.

12. What was stolen from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1950?

13. In Holland, what do children put out on Christmas Eve, instead of stockings?

14. In the Pogues Christmas song 'Fairy Tale of New York', which choirs "are singing Galway Bay"?

15. In the familiar song The 12 Days of Christmas, what is the gift on the fourth day?



16. In which celebrated film does James Stewart attempt suicide one Christmas?

17. Which plant did the Celt's refer to as 'all healer'?

18. From which country does the poinsettia plant originate?

19. How many presents were given in total in the 12 Days of Christmas?

20. After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel?

21. Which country can be credited with the creation of the Christmas beverage, eggnog?

22. In what country, the world's seventh largest by geographical area, is Christmas known as Bada Din (the big day)?



23. Which British monarch (born 1865, died 1936) introduced the custom of giving thousands of Christmas puddings to staff?

24. Who composed the music known as The Nutcracker Suite, for the Christmas themed ballet The Nutcracker, premiered in St Petersburg, 1892?

25. The surname Chandler derives from the making or selling of what?

26. Brandy is made from distilling what?

27. What Christmas item takes its name from the old French word estincelle, meaning spark?

28. The character Jack Skellington appears in which 1993 Tim Burton film?

29. On what street did Santa Claus' miracle occur?

30. What was Brenda Lee doing around the Christmas tree?

Answers: 1. Carol (chorale) 2. Oliver Cromwell 3. Cindy Lou Who 4. Holland 5. Bohemia (Czech Republic) 6. Christmas crackers

7. House of meat (Arabic) or House of bread (Hebraic) 8. Christmas Trees 9. Lethal Weapon 10. One Of The Berries (For Good Luck) 11. Donner; Dancer; Dasher 12. The Stone of Scone 13. Clogs 14. "the boys from the NYPD choir are singing Galway Bay" 15. Four calling Birds 16. It's a wonderful life 17. Mistletoe 18. Mexico 19. 364 20. Egypt 21. England 22. India 23. King George V 24. Tchaikovsky 25. Candles 26. Wine 27. Tinsel 28. The Nightmare before Christmas 29. 34th 30. Rockin'

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FESTIVE Recipes

CHOCOLATE ORANGE HAZELNUT CAKE

INGREDIENTS:

- 175ml light-coloured olive oil, plus extra for greasing
- 140g blanched hazelnuts
- 100ml orange juice, plus zest 1 orange
- 140g self-raising flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 50g cocoa powder
- 3 large eggs
- 175g light brown muscovado sugar
- For the candied orange slices
- 300g golden caster slices
- 1 large orange cut into 3mm/1/8in slices

TO DECORATE

- 75ml orange juice
- 100g dairy free dark chocolate
- 50g blanched hazelnuts, toasted
- 1 tsp edible gold powder

METHOD:

Make the candied orange slices a day ahead if you can. Put the sugar and 300ml water in a medium saucepan and bring to the boil. Reduce to a gentle simmer, add the orange slices and cook for 1 hr-1 hr 10 mins or until the pith is translucent, turning occasionally. Line

a baking tray with parchment. Carefully remove the slices from the syrup, place on the prepared tray and set aside to dry (at least 8 hrs) before cutting in half. Reserve the syrup.

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Lightly grease a loaf tin (mine was 900g) with olive oil and line with a strip of baking parchment.

Grind the hazelnuts in a food processor until they resemble coarse breadcrumbs (do not blitz them too much or they will become oily), then add to a bowl along with the orange zest, a pinch of salt and the rest of the dry ingredients. Mix together until evenly combined.

Pour the oil and the orange juice into a jug and mix together. Put the eggs and sugar in a tabletop mixer or large bowl and whisk together for 5-10 mins or until the mixture has tripled in volume and holds a ribbon on the surface when the beaters are lifted out. Slowly pour the oil mixture into the egg mixture and fold together until combined.

Add the flour mixture to the egg mixture in 3 or 4 additions, folding together until combined. You can't sieve this mixture over the eggs because of the hazelnuts, but try not to dump the flour in one place – you need to be careful and fold the batter to retain its lightness. Once fully combined, pour the batter into the prepared loaf tin and bake for 50-55 mins or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.

Prick the top of the cake all over, then pour over 5 tbsp of the reserved orange syrup. Cool in the tin for 15 mins, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely. Trim the top of the cake (keep this for a mini trifle) and turn out, cut-side down, onto a serving platter.

To decorate, pour the orange juice into a small pan and bring to a simmer. Put the chocolate in a small bowl, pour the orange juice over and stir together to form a smooth ganache. Set aside in the fridge until thickened, about 20-25 mins. Tip the hazelnuts into a small bowl and add the gold powder with a dash of water, stirring together to coat. Put the ganache in a piping bag fitted with a small round piping tip. Pipe in peaks over the top of the cake, decorating with the golden hazelnuts and the orange slices. Will keep for up to 3 days in an airtight container.



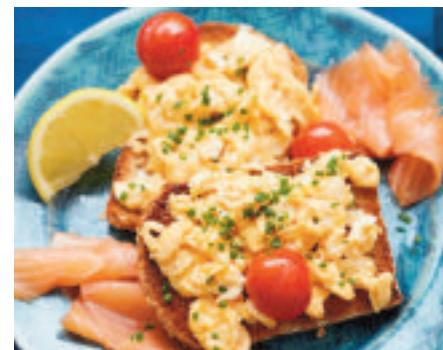
serve (optional)

- 1 tsp olive oil
- 100g cherry tomatoes
- 1 tbsp finely chopped chives
- 100g smoked salmon sliced
- 4 slices whole meal bread, toasted and buttered
- ½ lemon, sliced into wedges

METHOD:

Beat together the eggs, milk, Tabasco, Worcestershire sauce and some seasoning in a jug. Heat the oil in a large non-stick pan over a low heat and pour in the egg mix. Cook, stirring, until it is done around the edges and slightly runny in the middle. Then tip in the tomatoes and warm through for 1 min until the eggs have finished cooking.

Top the toast with the scrambled eggs and chives, and place the smoked salmon on the side with a wedge of lemon to squeeze over. Drizzle over extra Tabasco and Worcestershire sauce, if you like it with an extra kick.



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INGREDIENTS:

- 4 eggs
- 2 tbsp milk
- ½ tsp Tabasco plus extra to serve (optional)
- ½ tsp Worcestershire sauce, plus extra to

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FESTIVE Television

Friday 23rd December



The Prince & Me **

8.15am BBC2



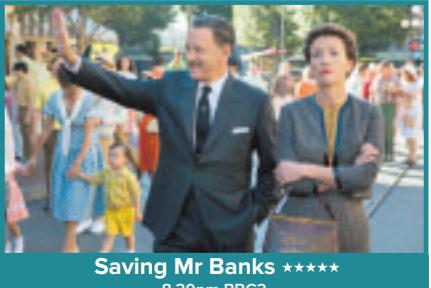
Oz the Great and Powerful ***

3.10pm BBC1



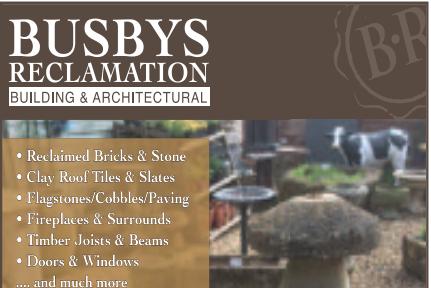
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug

**** 8.00pm ITV1



Saving Mr Banks *****

8.30pm BBC2



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BBC1

6.00am Breakfast

Jon Kay, Naga Munchetty. (S) (HD)

9.15 Christmas City

A behind-the-scenes look at planning in Greater Manchester. Last in series. (S) (HD)

10.00 Christmas Kitchen

With Ronni Ancona, Bake Off's Selasi, and Amandine Chaingot. Last in series. (S) (HD)

11.15 Homes under the Hammer

Properties in Newcastle, Telford and Rochester, Kent. (R) (S) (HD)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt

Kate Bliss and David Harper help two teams in Kingston-upon-Thames. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00 BBC News

Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

1.45 New series, Father Brown

1/15 Series 5. The son of a Duke is abducted from Lady Felicia's yuletide ball. (S) (AD) (HD)

2.40 On Angel Wings

Michael Morpurgo's magical reworking of the Nativity. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.10 Oz the Great and Powerful ***

Prequel to The Wizard of Oz. After being caught in a terrifying tornado, travelling magician Oscar Diggs finds himself in a fantastical land. (2013, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

3.15pm Pointless

Quiz show with Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News

(S) (HD)

7.00 Strictly Len Goodman

As he prepares to grace the Strictly ballroom for the final time, Len Goodman looks back at some of the highlights of his dozen years beneath the glitter ball. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 EastEnders

Ben and Louise are perplexed by Phil's generosity. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Citizen Khan

7/7 Series 5. It's a Khandular Life. Mr Khan tips his hat to the classic Christmas movie as he faces up to the fact that life hasn't turned out the way he planned it. Repeated Christmas Day 10.05am (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Have I Got 2016 News for You

11/1. Highlights from this year's editions of the quiz.

Extended repeat Christmas Day 12.20am (S) (HD)

9.30 Williams and Friend

Miranda Richardson joins David this week. They play a pair of obnoxious estate agents, and advertise a firm claiming compensation for people who have had their feelings hurt while at work. A Christmas special is on Tuesday 27th at 10pm.

Repeated Boxing Day 1.25am (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News

Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

Followed by National Lottery Update (S)

10.35 The Graham Norton Show

Will, Smith and Collateral Beauty co-stars Helen Mirren and Naomie Harris are joined on the sofa by Martin Freeman. (S) (HD)

11.25 Mrs Brown's Boys: The Virgin Mummy

Will Agnes's unorthodox Nativity play gain Father Damien's approval? (R) (S) (HD)

11.55 The NFL Show

Mark Chapman looks at the week's major stories.

More on Tuesday 27th 11.30pm BBC2. (S) (HD)

12.25am Signs ***

Sci-fi fantasy thriller, starring Mel Gibson and Joaquin Phoenix. A 500ft crop circle appears on an isolated Pennsylvania farm. (2002, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

2.05 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

2.10-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

5.45am Christmas City

Shown yesterday 9.15am (S) (HD)

6.30 Bargain Hunt

Shown yesterday 12.15pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.15-8.15 Sign Zone: Fern Britton Meets...

Politician Michael Gove discusses his religious beliefs. (R) (S)

8.15 The Prince & Me ***

Romantic comedy with Julia Stiles. A hard-working undergraduate finds herself distracted by a handsome student. (2004, PG) (S) (W)

10.00 Robot Wars

Home-made robots do battle. (R) (S) (HD)

11.00 Money for Nothing

Sarah Moore rescues items from the tip that can be transformed (Revised rpt) (S) (HD)

12 noon Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit ***

Musical comedy starring Whoopi Goldberg. Singer Deloris helps some of the nuns she has befriended to save their school. (1993, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

1.45pm Rick Stein's Cornish Christmas

The chef prepares a festive banquet for his friends. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.15 This Farming Life

To the east of Inverness, Martin tends to 500 pregnant ewes (R) (S) (HD)

3.15 World's Sneeziest Animals

Creatures that deploy devious tactics to win a mate. (R) (S) (HD)

4.15pm Full Steam Ahead

Ruth Goodman, Peter Ginn and Alex Langlands learn how increased leisure time and affordable rail transport brought new freedom to working-class Victorians. (R) (S) (HD)

5.15 Porridge

Reg Unwin tries to take Mr Barrowclough hostage in this classic Christmas special from 1976. (R) (S)

6.00 Inside the Christmas Factory

Gregg Wallace, Cherry Healey and Ruth Goodman discover how traditional Christmas items are manufactured. Shown Tuesday 20th 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Christmas University Challenge

5/10. The fifth match in this series for distinguished alumni pits an Edinburgh University team including actress Rachael Stirling and geneticist Steve Jones against one from St Catharine's College. Next edition Christmas Day 6.45pm. (S) (HD)

7.30 Wild Tales from the Village

A remote village in the French countryside is the setting for this charming natural world documentary, revealing the variety of wildlife that is able to eke out an existence there. Repeated Christmas Day 12.55pm Signed repeat Friday 30th 3.30am (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Saving Mr Banks *****

Drama based on a true story. Film-maker Walt Disney is set on making a movie about magical nanny Mary Poppins but her creator, author PL Travers, is reluctant to allow Hollywood anywhere near the novel and refuses to sell the rights. (2013, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.30 Mock the Week

Festive compilation of the show from 2015, featuring favourite clips and previously unseen material. (R) (S) (HD)

11.05 Close to the Enemy

7/7. Kathy confronts Bergit about her activities, forcing her to see that her options are limited. Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am And Now for Something Completely Different *****

A film anthology of choice sketches from Monty Python's Flying Circus. (1971, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.30-3.30am Sign Zone

1.30 Darcey Bussell: Looking for Margot The Strictly judge examines the life and career of Dame Margot Fonteyn. Shown Tuesday 20th 10.45pm BBC1 (S) (AD)

2.30 Back in Time for Brixton

2/2. The Irwin family experiences life in the 1970s, 80s and 90s. (R) (S) (AD)

2.50am Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

2.55am Signs ***

Sci-fi fantasy thriller, starring Mel Gibson and Joaquin Phoenix. A 500ft crop circle appears on an isolated Pennsylvania farm. (2002, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

3.00-6.00am Nightscreen

Text information. (HD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain

With Call the Midwife stars Charlotte Ritchie and Jack Ashton. (S) (HD)

8.30 Lorraine

Guests chat with Lorraine Kelly. (S) (HD)

9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show

Verbal spats. (S) (HD)

10.30 This Morning

Hosted today by Eamonn Holmes and Ruth Langford. Including Regional Weather (S) (HD)

12.30pm Loose Women

Coronation Street actress Catherine Tyldesley in the studio. (S) (HD)

1.30 ITV Lunchtime News

Regional News; Weather (S)

2.00 Judge Rinder

Real-life legal disputes. (S) (HD)

3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal

From Wood Green in north London. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by Regional Weather

4.00-5.00 Tipping Point

Game show. (R) (S) (HD)

5.00pm The Chase

Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants pit their wits against

ruthless quiz genius the Chaser. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S)

6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S)

7.00 Emmerdale

Cain goes to see Moira when Peter warns him that she may not be able to

to keep her story straight, only to find her destroying her home in a drunken rage. Zak and Lisa's plan to

steal a Christmas tree brings back happy memories, and Jimmy buys a

gift to get back into Nicola's good books - but doesn't get the reaction he

hoped for. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 Coronation Street

Aidan and Maria kiss passionately

after he promises her that he's

going to finish with Eva. They are

unaware that Johnny is watching them. Leanne rails at Nick for trying

to upstage Peter over Simon's

Christmas presents, and the police

question Sarah about Bethany's

disappearance. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 The Last Leg Christmas Special

11/11 Series 9. Artist Grayson Perry joins

Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and

Alex Brooker for a comic review of

the significant moments of 2016. Repeated

tomorrow 2.25am C4 (S) (HD)

10.00 The Windsors Christmas Special

Fantasy adventure starring Martin

Freeman and Ian McKellen. Bilbo

Baggins marches on towards the

Lonely Mountain flanked by Thorin

and his band of dwarves. There he

is destined to encounter the fire-breathing

dragon Smaug, guardian of a precious,

mystical stone that bestows great power on anyone

who possesses it. (2013, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.05 Alan Carr's 12 Stars of Christmas

5/5. Melanie C, Richard Osman and

Joe Lyett answer questions about the

past 12 months, including one from

choirmaster Gareth Malone. Repeated

tomorrow 2.45am 4seven (S) (HD)

12.10am Eight out of Ten Cats Christmas Special

With guests Brad Simpson, James

McVey, Roisin Conaty and Joe Wilkinson.

Shown Wed 2/10pm More4 (S) (HD)

12.55 Celebrity First Dates

Well-known faces including Esther

Rantzen seek their perfect partners. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.50 The Best Man Holiday 5 ***

Comedy drama with Terrence Howard,

Taye Diggs and Morris Chestnut.

College friends get together for a reunion,

but old rivalries and romances soon

rear their heads. (2013, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

3.50 The Restoration Man

A couple work to transform a derelict flint

mill in Stone, Staffordshire. (R) (S) (HD)

4.25pm Best of Food Unwrapped

Jimmy Doherty is in Israel to find an elusive fruit. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

5.15 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (R) (S) (HD)

5.30-6.15am Countdown (R) (S) (HD)

Channel4

6.10am Everybody Loves Raymond

Double bill. (R) (S)

7.00 Frasier

Double bill of the US comedy. (R) (S)

7.55 The Big Bang Theory (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.15 The Simpsons

Double bill. (R) (S) (AD)

10.15 Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back **

Animated adventure. Evil alien leader

Zartog takes over the chimps' Mission

Control on Earth. (2009, U) (S) (W) (HD)

12.25pm The Snow Queen **

Animated adventure based on the

story by Hans Christian Andersen.

FESTIVE Television

Christmas Eve



Splash ****

1.00pm BBC2

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast

Roger Johnson, Naga Munchetty. (S) (HD)

10.00 Saturday Kitchen

John Torode is joined by chefs Theo Randall and Olia Hercules, while actress Charlotte Ritchie faces her food heaven or hell. (S) (HD)

11.30 A Christmas Carol ***

Animated version of Charles Dickens's classic tale, with the voices of Jim Carrey, Colin Firth and Gary Oldman. (2009, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.00pm BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

1.15 Winter: Earth's Seasonal Secrets

How animals rise to the challenge of harsh weather. (AD) (S) (HD)

2.15 The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian ****

Fantasy sequel. The Pevensie children are summoned back to Narnia to help Prince Caspian fight the dark forces of the tyrannical Lord Miraz. Director Andrew Adamson (2008, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.30pm Shrek the Halls

Shrek settles down for a quiet Christmas, but his friends have other ideas. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.50 Penguins of Madagascar ***

Animated comedy. Resourceful penguins Skipper, Kowalski, Private and Rico team up with an undercover organisation to stop a malevolent mole from destroying the world. Directors Eric Darnell and Simon J Smith (2014, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.15 BBC News Regional News: Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Pointless Celebrities

Lesley Joseph and Duncan James, Faye Tozer and Bobby Davro, Joe Pasquale and Wendi Peters, and Natasha Hamilton and Keith Chegwin better keep an eye on what's behind them on this panto-themed episode. (S) (HD)

7.25 Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show

6/6 Series 2. Aled Jones is joined by a special guest as he allows Michael to make merry with his mobile phone, but Natasja Hamilton and Kevin the teenager (Harry Enfield) will perhaps be less keen to enter into the festive spirit. (S) (HD)

8.25 EastEnders

Phil is given some tough love by both Shirley and Denise, and Linda receives devastating family news. Writer Matt Evans. Satellite and cable viewers can watch a repeat at 11.20pm on W (S) (HD)

9.00 David Walliams Celebrates Dame Shirley Bassey

The ever-glamorous singer performs some of the greatest hits from her formidable back catalogue in this mix of music, comedy and surprises introduced by a man who is one of her biggest fans. Signed repeat Tuesday 27th 12.20am BBC2 (S) (HD) Shirley Bassey at the BBC is at 1.25am on BBC4

10.05 Peter Kay's Christmas Comedy Shuffle

A mix of the comedian's best moments, featuring clips from Car Share and Phoenix Nights. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.50 The Vicar of Dibley

Winter Alice suggests an unconventional Nativity play starring herself and Hugo as Mary and Joseph. (R) (S) 11.30 BBC News Weather (S) (HD) Followed by National Lottery Update (S) 11.45 Midnight Mass from St Chad's Catholic Cathedral

A live service led by the Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Rev Bernard Longley. (S) (HD)

1.00am Surviving Christmas *

Comedy with Ben Affleck. A wealthy advertising executive pays a family to let him spend the holiday season with them as their son. (2004, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

2.25 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

2.30-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

6.15am Mars Needs Moms. **

Animated comedy. A boy tries to rescue his mother when Martians abduct her. Director Simon Wells (2011, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

7.40 The NFL Show

With Mark Chapman. (R) (S) (HD)

8.10 Hans Christian Andersen ****

Biographical drama about the children's author, starring Danny Keay. Director Charles Vidor (1952, U) (S) (HD)

10.00 Robot Wars

The final of the series in which radio-controlled robots battle. (R) (S) (HD)

11.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave

The animated duo become mixed up in sheep rustling. (R) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.30 Nigella's Christmas Kitchen

A juicy and spiced roast turkey, pancetta and chestnut sprouts, and a vodka-flamed Christmas pudding. (R) (S) (AD)

12 noon The Cook Who Changed Our Lives

Nigella Lawson profiles cook and food writer Anna del Conte. Shown Thursday 22nd 6.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00pm Splash ****

Romantic fantasy comedy. A mermaid saves the young Allen Bauer from drowning, and years later seeks him out in New York. Director Ron Howard (1984, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

2.45-3.45 Snow Chick: A Penguin's Tale

The first months in the life of an emperor penguin. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.45pm Gorilla Family and Me 1/2

Wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan travels to the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he spends time with a family of Grauer's gorillas. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.45pm The Snowman and the Snowdog

A boy makes a snowman and a snowdog that magically come to life. Rptd tomorrow 4.55pm (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.20pm One Hundred and One Dalmatians ****

Disney's classic animated adventure. Canine couple Roger and Anita try to save their puppies from the evil Cruella DeVil. Directors Wolfgang Reitherman, Hamilton S Luske and Clyde Geromini (1960, U) (S) (W)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S)

6.15 ITV News Weather (S)

6.30 Blankety Blank

David Williams hosts a one-off game show special. Series producer Anna Meadows; Executive producers Suzy Lamb and Tim Dean. Repeated Wednesday 28th 5.30pm (S) (HD)

7.30 Coronation Street

Will Maria be spending Christmas behind bars? Writer Chris Fettwell. Repeated ITV2 tomorrow 6.55am and 12.35pm (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Birds of a Feather

There's a Girl in My Souk. After Travis goes missing in Morocco, Sharon, Tracey and Doreen head off to ensure he makes it home for the holidays. Writers Laurence Marks, Maurice Gran, Gary Lawson and John Phelps; Director Martin Dennis; Producer Matthew Mulot (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Granchester

When a woman reports the disappearance of her husband-to-be, Sidney and Geordie pick through the murky circumstances behind the winter wedding. The would-be groom is then found dead with the wedding rings stuffed in his mouth. Writer Daisy Coulam; Series producer Emma Kingman-Lloyd. Director Edward Bennett (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Through the Keyhole

Keith Lemon rummages round three celebrity abodes before Shayne Ward, Kelly Brook and

Johnny Vegas try to identify the owners. Director Toby Baker; Series producer Arron Ferster. Repeated Boxing Day 11.55pm (S) (HD)

11.30 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather (S)

11.45 Christmas Carols on ITV

From St Chad's Church in Rochdale. Director: Matthew Woodward; Producer Karen Gabay (S) (HD)

12.00am Viva Las Vegas ****

Musical starring Elvis Presley. Young racing driver Lucy Jackson arrives in Las Vegas with dreams of winning the city's grand prix. (1964, U) (S) (W) (HD)

1.40-3.40am Sign Zone

1.40 Countryfile From Bamburgh Castle. Shown Sunday 18th 5.40pm BBC1 (S)

2.40 Hobly City A blast from the past upsets Dom's plans for festivities with Isaac. (S) (AD)

3.05-6.00am Nightscreen Text Information. (HD)

ITV1

6.00am CITV

8.25 Weekend at Christmas

Katherine Parkinson, Craig Charles, Mark Benton and Pixie Geldof guest. (S) (HD)

9.25 Thunderbirds Are Go

The team must stop a swarm of malfunctioning weather drones. (S)

9.50 The Chase

Quiz with Bradley Walsh. (R) (S) (HD)

10.50 You've Been Framed! With Bells On

A pensioner throws fireworks at carol singers. (R) (S)

11.20 Despicable Me ****

Animated comedy with the voice of Steve Carell. Super-criminal Gru plots his biggest heist: to steal the Moon. (2010, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.30 The Bear Hunt 1/3

The making of We're Going on a Bear Hunt, showing tonight at 7.30pm. (S)

9.15 Christmas Brunch

With guests Tom Fletcher, Bill Turnbull, Emilia Fox and James Acaster. (S) (HD)

12.15pm Jamie's Ultimate Christmas

Tips for perfect turkey. Shown Monday 19th 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.15-2.45 The Simpsons

Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD)

2.45pm Scrooged ***

Comedy starring Bill Murray. Three ghosts set out to change the mean-spirited ways of a TV network president. (1988, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.40 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

4.45 The Snowman

Atmospheric and poignant animation, based on the Raymond Briggs book. Rptd tomorrow 11.50am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.15 The Snowman and the Snowdog

A boy makes a snowman and a snowdog that magically come to life. Rptd tomorrow 4.55pm (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.50 The Muppet Christmas Carol ****

Comedy fantasy starring Michael Caine. The puppets' inimitable interpretation of Charles Dickens's tale. (1992, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

7.30 We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Animated adventure based on the book by Michael Rosen. A family must overcome many obstacles when they set off in search of bears. Rptd tomorrow 2.55pm C4 and Boxing Day 3.15pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 GoggleSprogs Christmas Special

The discerning young viewers watch Strictly Come Dancing, First Dates and Planet Earth II. Rptd tomorrow 8pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special

Kathy Burke and Sean Lock take on Russell Howard and Jon Richardson. Jimmy Carr hosts. Rptd Tue 27 December 11.35pm (S) (HD)

10.00 New. The Yorkshire Vet

12/12 Series 3. The vets are asked to find a donkey for a novelty scene. Directors/Producers David Terry and Laura Blair. Repeated Friday 30th 3.10am (S) (HD)

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4.00 The Trafford Centre: Countdown to Christmas

Shown Wednesday 21st 9pm (S) (HD)

4.50-5.20am House Doctor (S) (SL)

Channel4

6.15am Olive, the Other Reindeer

Cartoon caper about a dog who sets out to save Christmas. (R) (S)

7.05 A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures ***

Animated adventure in which an old turtle reflects

on his life. Director Ben Stassen (2010, U) (S) (W) (HD)

8.40 Father Christmas

Acclaimed animation, based on Raymond Briggs book, that reveals what Santa does for the other 364 days of the year. Rptd tomorrow 11.20am (R) (S)

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Adventure starring Tony Curtis and Kirk Douglas. Eric, a young slave, makes a bitter enemy of Einar, warrior of the feared Viking leader, Ragnar. Director Richard Fleischer (1958, PG) (S) (W)

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Fantasy adventure starring Todd Armstrong. Jason embarks on a fantastic voyage to find the Golden Fleece that will enable him to reclaim the throne that is rightfully his. Director Don Chaffey (1963, U) (S) (W)

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Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!

8.30 New. SpongeBob SquarePants (S)

9.05 Doctor Zhivago ****

Epic romantic drama with Omar Sharif.

Against the backdrop of the Great War and the Russian Revolution, a couple's romance is disrupted by the social upheaval surrounding them. Director David Lean (1965, PG) (S) (W)

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Christmas Day



The Cat in the Hat **

7.35am BBC2



Frozen ****

3.10pm BBC1



King Kong ****

1.30am ITV1

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast

With Naga Munchetty. (S) (HD)

9.00 CBeebies The Nutcracker

First shown CBeebies (S) (AD) (HD)

9.45 Legend of the Boneknapper Dragon (R) (S) (HD)

10.00 LIVE Christmas Day Service: From Bristol Cathedral

Traditional Holy Communion service, with a mass setting of Mozart's Missa Brevis in B flat. (S) (HD)

11.00 Songs of Praise: Christmas Big Sing

Carols with Aled Jones, Gareth Malone and Laura Mvula. (S) (HD)

11.40 BBC News (S) (HD)

11.50 The Croods ***

Animation. A prehistoric family searches for a new home. (2013, u) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.20pm Shaun the Sheep: The Farmer's Llamas

Llamas cause trouble. (R) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.50 Top of the Pops Christmas

With top acts of the year and the Christmas number one. (S) (HD)

2.50 BBC News (S) (HD)

3.00 The Queen

Her Majesty's address to the nation and the Commonwealth. Signed rpt 5.30pm BBC2 (S) (HD)

3.10pm Frozen ***

Disney animated adventure. Queen Elsa plunges the land of Arendelle into permanent winter. Press red for sing-along lyrics. (2013, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.45 The Great Christmas Bake off

1/2. Previous contestants Mary-Anne (series two), Ali (series four), Cathryn (series three) and Norman (series five) return to the tent to face three festive challenges. More tomorrow 7pm. Rptd tomorrow 11.30am; signed rpt Thu 29th 1.30am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

5.45 Doctor Who The Return of Doctor Mysterio

As brain swapping aliens prepare to attack New York, the Doctor and Nardole link up with an investigative reporter and a masked superhero. Signed repeat Thursday 29th 2.30am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

6.45 Strictly Come Dancing

Past contestants Ainsley Harriott, Gethin Jones, Pamela Stephenson, Denise Lewis, Melvin Odoom and Frankie Bridge compete and pay tribute to Christmas movies. Matt Goss performs. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Call the Midwife

As Poplar enjoys a white Christmas, the staff of Nonnatus House respond to an SOS from a tiny mission hospital in South Africa. (S) (AD) (W)

9.30 EastEnders

Any hopes of a merry Christmas seem slim with Phil's health deteriorating rapidly. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Mr Brown's Boys Mammy's Forest

Agnes refuses to have a Christmas tree this year. (S) (HD)

11.00 The Best of Tracey Ullman's Show

Highlights from the comedy sketch show. (S) (HD)

11.30 BBC News (s) (HD)

11.45 On Christmas Night

Don Warrington reads the bible story of the shepherds' visit to the Christ Child. (S) (HD)

11.50 Would I Lie to You at Christmas?

Shown Monday 19th 8.30pm (S) (HD)

12.20am Have I Got a Bit More 2016 News for You

Revised rpt from Friday 23rd 9pm (S) (HD)

1.05 Citizen Khan

Shown Friday 23rd 8.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.35 While You Were Sleeping ****

Romantic comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman. A woman masquerades as the girlfriend of a man in a coma. (1995, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

3.10 Weather (S) (HD)

3.15-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

6.40am Countryfile

Shown Sunday 18th 5.40pm BBC1 (S) (HD)

7.35 The Cat in the Hat **

Fantasy adventure based on the popular children's book by Dr Seuss. (2003, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

8.50 Tom Thumb ****

Fantasy musical based on the classic fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm. Director George Pal (1958, U) (S) (W)

10.20 Bee Movie ****

Animated comedy. A bee breaks the law when he talks to a human. (2007, U) (S) (W) (HD)

11.40 Carols from King's Traditional celebration from Cambridge

Shown yesterday 5.45pm (S) (HD)

12.55pm Wild Tales from the Village

Observing red squirrels, wild boar edible dormice and stone martens. Shown Fri 23rd 7.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.55 The Good Life

Tom and Barbara's self-sufficient Christmas is expanded to include Margo and Jerry. (R) (S)

2.25-4.00 The Artist ****

Silent romantic drama starring Jean Dujardin and Bérénice Belo. With silent movies giving way to the talkies, the future looks less bright for a matinee idol. (2011, PG) (BW) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.00pm Dancing the Nutcracker: Inside the Royal Ballet

Behind the scenes of the ballet company, charting the three months leading up to the opening of this year's production of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker. (S) (AD) (HD)

5.30 The Queen

Her Majesty's annual address. Shown 3pm BBC1 (S) (SL)

5.40 The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show

A festive edition from 1976 with guests Elton John, Des O'Connor, John Thaw, Dennis Waterman, Angela Rippon, Kate O'Mara and the Nolans. (R) (S)

The duo appear on The Good Old Days tomorrow 10pm BBC4

6.45 Christmas University Challenge

6/10. The penultimate first-round match. A team from Magdalene College, Cambridge, which includes radio and TV presenter Clemency Burton-Hill and director Mike Newell, test their wits against a side from St Hilda's College, Oxford. Next edition 6/20pm (S) (HD)

7.15 Blackadder's Christmas Carol

On Christmas Eve 1850, the kindly Ebenezer Blackadder receives a visit from his loathsome ancestors. (R) (S) (AD)

8.00 Dad's Army Turkey Dinner

Can Captain Mainwaring really be a softie at heart? The struggling senior citizens of Walmington-on-Sea are about to find out. (R) (S)

8.30 Gospel Christmas

Singer and musical theatre star Beverley Knight and US jazz and soul singer Gregory Porter introduce a feast of uplifting festive music from the British gospel scene at the Church of St John-at-Hackney in London. Repeated tomorrow 12.25am (S) (HD)

9.30 Victorian Bakers at Christmas

Four professional bakers rustle up favourite festive offerings from a revolutionary era in food. Repeated tomorrow 3.30pm. Signed repeat Friday 10th 2.30am (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 QI XL

Josh Widdicombe, Susan Calman and Matt Lucas answer questions on Noel. Shown Thursday 22nd 10pm (Revised repeat) (S) (HD)

11.15 Great Expectations **

Adaptation of the Dickens classic. Orphan Pip goes on a life-changing journey. (2012, 12) (S) (AD) (V) (HD)

1.15-2.40am A Hard Day's Night *****

Musical comedy. The Beatles set off for London, where they are due to take part in a live TV show. But the antics of Paul's mischievous grandfather throw the performance into jeopardy. (1964, U) (BW) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

2.45-6.00am Nightscreen

Text information. (HD)

6.00am CITV

8.25 Weekend at Christmas

Rosemary Shrager guests, and there's music from Vaults. (S) (HD)

9.25 Countrywise: Guide to Britain

Visiting the Delamere Forest, Cheshire. Shown Thu 22nd 8.30pm (S) (HD)

9.55 Despicable Me 2 ****

Animated comedy sequel. The Anti-Villain league recruits former supervillain Gru to lead an investigation. (2013, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.55 Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ****

Animated adventure. Animals join forces to warn humans about the danger of tampering with nature. (2010, U) (S) (W) (HD)

1.55 The Simpsons

Four episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

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11.50 Scrooge ***

Musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Starring Albert Finney, Alec Guinness, Edith Evans and Kenneth More. (1970, U) (S) (W) (HD)

2.10pm The Wizard of Oz *****

Classic musical fantasy starring Judy Garland and Ray Bolger. When a huge tornado hits Dorothy's home in Kansas, she is whisked off far away into a strange and dazzling world. (1939, U) (S) (W) (HD)

4.10pm Singin' in the Rain *****

Classic musical. Silent film stars Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are the golden couple of 1920s Hollywood. But when "tdkies" arrive, prima donna Lina is shown up by the new technology and aspiring actress Kathy Selden is called in to dub her voice. (1952, U) (S) (W) (HD)

6.15 Britain's Favourite Xmas Songs

Including the Jackson 5's Santa Claus Is Coming to Town; Mud's Lonely This Christmas; Jona Lewie's Stop the Cavalry; and, of course, Fairytale of New York by the Pogues with Kirsty MacColl. (S)

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A countdown of the 40 most memorable records by celebrities, featuring Mr. T, Katie Price, Vinnie Jones, Sam Fox and an assortment of soap stars. (S) (HD)

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Drama based on a true story. In the mid-1980s, a macho rodeo rider is stunned to discover he is HIV-positive. He researches the illness, and soon becomes convinced that a new, experimental treatment is the most effective way to prolong his life. (2013, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

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Classic musical. Signed rpt from Mon 19th at 9pm (S) (HD)

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Channel4

5.55pm Prep & Landing

Double bill. (R) (S) (HD)

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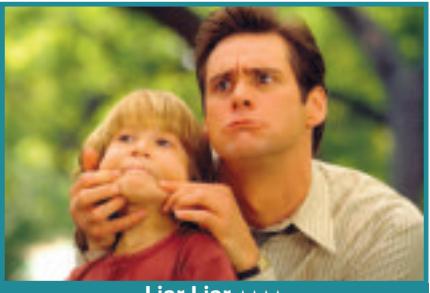
FESTIVE Television

Boxing Day



TinkerBell and the Pirate Fairy ***

9.00am BBC1



Liar Liar ****

11.05am ITV1



Dances with Wolves ****

12.40pm BBC2



Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ****

4.10pm ITV1

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast With Naga Munchetty (S) (HD)
9.00 TinkerBell and the Pirate Fairy ***

Animated fantasy. TinkerBell's tearaway friend Zarina gets into trouble. (2014, U) (S) (M) (HD)

10.10 Planes ***

Disney animation. A little crop-dusting plane dreams of taking part in a prestigious air race. (2013, U) (S) (M) (HD)

11.30 The Great Christmas Bake Off

Seasonal challenges. Shown yesterday 4.45pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30pm BBC News

Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

12.50 Countryfile

Ellie Harrison celebrates James Herriot's centenary in Thirsk, North Yorkshire, meeting his children and actor Christopher Timothy. (S) (HD)

1.50 The Moonstone

1/5. Dramatisation of Wilkie Collins's classic detective story. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

RED BUTTON 2.30-5.20 Final Score

The latest scores

2.40 Brave ****

Animated fairy tale. When Scottish princess Merida flees an arranged marriage, she sets off a chaotic chain of events. (2012, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.05pm The Gruffalo

Animation based on the book by Julia Donaldson. Producers Michael Rose and Martin Pope. Directors Jakob Schuh and Max Lang (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.30 How to Train Your Dragon 2 ***

Animated adventure. Young Viking Hiccup discovers there's a threat to the peaceful status quo that needs to be faced. (2014, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.05 BBC News

Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Revolving Rhymes

1/2. An animated adaptation of three poems written by Roald Dahl that give fairy tales grisly twists. Continues tomorrow 6.30pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 The Great Christmas Bake Off

Off past return to the tent, challenged with a savoury signature, a tough bread technical and a show-stopping trio of Christmas favourites. Series director Andy Devonshire; Executive producers Sarah Thomson-Woolley and Richard Mckerrow (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 EastEnders

Lee is caught in an impossible situation. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Still Open All Hours

New series, 1/ Series 3. Granville and Gastril become marriage counsellors, while Kath does her best to spread the Christmas spirit. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Witness for the Prosecution

1/2. Dramatisation of the Agatha Christie story. 1920s London: will chorus girl Rosalie prove her husband's innocence - or punish his infidelity? Continues tomorrow 9pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Outnumbered

While on a mission for Grandad, the Brockmans encounter all manner of problems. Repeated tomorrow 11.35pm (S) (AD) (HD)

10.40 BBC News (S) (HD)

10.55 Match of the Day

Arsenal v West Brom and Man Utd v Sunderland. Repeated tomorrow 7.35am (S) (HD)

12.25am Fleabag

1/6. Fleabag struggles in London. (R) (S) (HD)

12.55 Fleabag

2/6. Dumped by her boyfriend, Fleabag attempts to rekindle romantic fires. Continues tomorrow 12.15am. (R) (S) (HD)

1.25 Walliams and Friend

5/6. Miranda Richardson joins David Walliams. Shown Friday 23rd 9.30pm (S) (HD)

1.55 Weather (S) (HD)

2.00-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

6.15am Natural World The honey badger (R) (S) (HD)
7.15 Sign Zone Nature's Weirdest Events

Strange underwater blobs. Repeated tomorrow 3.15pm (R) (S) (AD)

8.15 Around the World in 80 Days

Adventure with David Niven. Phileas Fogg makes a wager that he can go round the world in 80 days. (1956, U) (S) (W) (HD)

11.00 The Adventures of Tintin: the Secret of the Unicorn *****

Animated action adventure. When Tintin buys a model ship at a market stall, he soon finds himself the target of sinister forces. (2011, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.40pm Hilda Ogden's Last Ta-ra: a Tribute to Jean Alexander

An affectionate salute to the Coronation Street actress. Shown Tuesday 20th 8pm (S)

1.40pm The Nation's Favourite Disney Song

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Animated Disney fantasy. Evil witch Maleficent puts a curse on young Princess Aurora. (1959, U) (S)

3.40pm Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban *****

With criminal Sirius Black on the run from Azkaban, Harry Potter begins his third year at Hogwarts surrounded by heightened security. But is Black the real threat, or is someone even more deadly trying to get to Harry? (2004, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.45 ITV News (S)

7.00 Emmerdale

Joanie makes a big decision, while Chrissie becomes suspicious and Jimmy is mystified. Writer Caroline Mitchell Cast. Repeated ITV2 tomorrow 7.30pm. Director Tracey Rooney; Producer Irene Daniels (S) (HD)

6.50 Dad's Army

My Brother and I. In the 1975 Boxing Day special, Captain Mainwaring has to endure an unexpected visitor - his estranged brother (also played by Arthur Lowe). (R) (S)

7.30 Coronation Street

Peter is planning to break some news, and Mary receives an offer. (S) (AD) (W)

8.00 You've Been Framed! Harry's Naughty List

Featuring a Nativity play wrecked by a drone, hoverboards shattering decorations and the dangers of eating sprouts while taking a selfie. Shown Christmas Day 5.15pm (S)

8.30 Coronation Street

Peter's secret is revealed, while Kevin gets an unexpected bill and Sarah puts Bethany first. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Captain Phillips *****

Drama based on a true story. A tense stand-off ensues between Captain Richard Phillips and Muse, the leader of Somali pirates who hijack his container ship. But both men are also subjected to outside political forces. English, Somali +subtitles. (2013, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.35 ITV News (S)

11.55 Through the Keyhole

Keith Lemon rummages around for festive clues in three celebrity abodes before Shayne Ward, Kelly Brook and Johnny Vegas try to work out who has let him come calling. Shown Christmas Eve 10.30pm (S) (HD)

12.50am Jackpot247

Interactive gaming.

3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show

(R) (S) (SL) (HD)

3.55 Nightscreen

Text information. (HD)

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(R) (S) (SL) (HD)

12.40pm Gospel Christmas

Gregory Porter and Beverley Knight host a festive concert. Shown yesterday 8.30pm (S) (HD)

1.25 Tommy

Ken Russell's satirical adaptation of the rock opera. Tommy is rendered deaf, dumb and blind and all efforts to cure him fail. However his life is transformed when he discovers pinball. (1975, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

3.10-4.10am Sign Zone: Inside the Christmas Factory

Seasonal items. Shown Tue 20th 9pm (S) (AD)

4.15pm C4 (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year

Jimmy Carr takes his annual opportunity to test a celebrity panel on how closely they have been paying attention to events at home and abroad. Rptd tomorrow 9pm 4Seven and Wednesday 28 December 11pm C4 (S) (HD)

11.10 Pitch Perfect ***

Musical comedy. New girl Beca doesn't care about being popular on campus, but her singing voice makes her the centre of attention when she signs up to become part of the college's all-female a cappella group, the Barden Bellas. Determined to outshine them are their male counterparts, the Treblemakers. (2012, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

1.20am Travel Man: 48 Hours in Florence

Actress Rebel Wilson joins Richard Ayoade. Shown yesterday 8pm (S) (HD)

2.20 Celebrity First Dates

With Samuel Preston, Scarlett Moffatt, Jo Wood and Ashleigh Butler. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.15-5.20am Hollyoaks (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

5.20pm Hollyoaks (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

8.40pm Hollyoaks (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am CITV

9.25 The Flintstones ***

Comedy. Fred Flintstone wins a job promotion at the local quarry, but soon discovers that he has been tricked. (1994, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.05 Liar Liar ***

Comedy starring Jim Carrey. Lawyer Fletcher Reedie's son makes a wish that his dad would find it impossible not to tell the truth. (1997, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

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4.45pm The Simpsons

Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.15pm West Side Story *****

Film version of the classic musical. Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet is updated to 1950s New York. Directors Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins (1961, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

5.20pm The Love Punch ****

Romantic comedy. Divorced couple Richard and Kate reunite to get their own back on the employer who swindled Richard out of his pension. Director Joel Hopkins (2013, 12) (S) (W)

7.00 World's Strongest Man

Action from the Europe's Strongest Man contest at the First Direct Arena in Leeds. Shown 6pm Spike (S) (HD)

8.00 Building the Ice Hotel

The annual task of turning 30,000 tons of snow and 10,000 tons of ice into the ICEHOTEL Jukkasjärvi, Sweden. Director Colin King; Producer Wendy Trieman. Repeated Thursday 29th at 3.10am (S)

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Action from the Boxing Day fixtures, which included Aston Villa v Burton Albion and Newcastle United v Sheffield Wednesday. Wednesday. Repeated tomorrow 8.35am (S) (HD)

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4.25 Criminals: Caught on Camera (S) (SL)

5.10-6.00am House Doctor (S) (SL)

Channel4

6.25am Planet 51 ***

Animated fantasy adventure. A fearless astronaut lands on a planet inhabited by little green people. Directors Jorge Blanco, Javier Aooo and Marcos Martinez (2009, U) (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 The Morning Line Racing preview (S) (HD)

9.00 Aliens in the Attic ***

Fantasy adventure. A teenager discovers his holiday home is occupied by unfriendly beings from another planet. Director John Schultz (2009, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

10.40 The Simpsons

Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.15pm Spykids 4: All the Time in the World ***

Film version of the classic musical. Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet is updated to 1950s New York. Directors Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins (1961, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

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Channel5

5.40am Milkshake!

7.45 LIVE Big Bash Cricket Coverage of Hobart Hurricanes v Melbourne Stars (S) (HD)

11.20 World's Strongest Man

Action from the World Deadlift Championships in Leeds. Shown Friday 23rd at 7pm (S) (HD)

12.20pm Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

Musical starring Howard Keel. A rancher's new wife is horrified to discover that she has to look after his six unruly brothers. Director Stanley Donen (1954, U) (S) (W)

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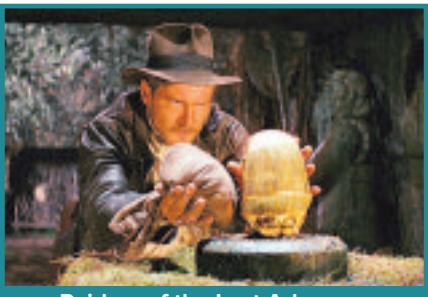
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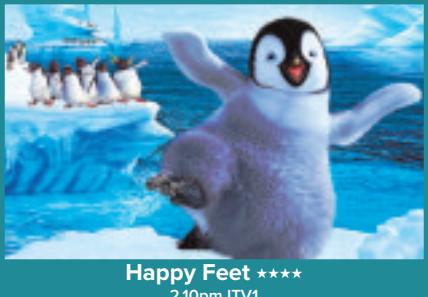
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Raiders of the Lost Ark *****

1.35pm BBC1



Happy Feet ****

2.10pm ITV1



The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo ****

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BBC1

6.00am Breakfast

With Louise Minchin. (S) (HD)

7.35 Match of the Day

Shown yesterday 10.55pm (S) (HD)

9.10 Gnomeo & Juliet ***

Animated romantic tale with the voices of James McAvoy and Emily Blunt. (2011, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.25 The Furchester Hotel: A Furchester Christmas

Big Bird and Count Von Count visit Elmo for Christmas. First shown on CBeebies (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.50 Cars 2 ***

Animation. Lightning McQueen is challenged to race in the World Grand Prix. (2011, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.30pm BBC News Regional News: Weather (S) (HD)

12.50 The Moonstone

2/5. Sergeant Cuff is called to Yorkshire by Franklin. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

RED BUTTON 1.10-3.50 Six Nations

Replay Full repeated coverage of the 2016 decider between France and England.

1.35 Raiders of the Lost Ark *****

Adventure starring Harrison Ford. Indiana Jones faces a battle with Nazis as he searches for the legendary Ark of the Covenant. Director Steven Spielberg. (1981, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

3.25-3.50 The Gruffalo's Child

Sequel to the animated adaptation of The Gruffalo. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.50pm Mr Peabody & Sherman ***

Animated sci-fi adventure. Super-intelligent dog Mr Peabody and his adopted boy Sherman use their time machine to experience great moments in history. Director Rob Minkoff (2013, U) (S) (W) (HD)

5.15 Pointless

Quiz show presented by Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Regional News: Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Revolting Rhymes

2/2. Jack loves his next-door neighbour Cindy, but after she meets an eligible prince at the ball, he is distracted by a giant beanstalk, finding true love seems unlikely. (S) (AD) (HD) The Marvelous World of Roald Dahl is Friday 3.00pm BBC2

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind

Graeme Swann, Kate Bottley, Janice Long and Paul Carrack compete. More Thursday 29th 7pm. (S) (HD)

7.30 EastEnders

Moix tries to build bridges with his family. Writer Leo Richardson. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Holly City

Just Get On With It. As Mr T's wedding day approaches, Mo tries to suppress her true feelings. Writer Simon Norman. Producer Kate Hall. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Witness for the Prosecution

2/2. Leonard's belief that Romaine could prove his innocence looks like being his undoing. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Walliams and Friend

6/6. In an extended episode, Hugh Bonneville partners with David Walliams. Hugh plays Lord Sugar, dishing out the hardest ever Apprentice tasks, and even the Countess of Grantham in her new commercial. (S) (HD)

10.40 BBC News Regional News: Weather (S) (HD) Followed by National Lottery Update (S)

11.00 Mrs Brown's Boys

Buckin' Mammy. Agnes finds festive spirit lacking when the family disobey games night's rules. (R) (S) (HD)

11.35 Outnumbered

On a special Boxing Day mission, the Brockmans encounter all manner of problems. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15am Fleabag

3/6. Fleabag helps her brother-in-law to shop for a present. (R) (S) (HD)

12.45 4/6. Claire takes Fleabag to an all-female silent retreat. Continues tomorrow 12.25am. (R) (S) (HD)

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (AD)

1.20-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

5.50am Natural World

The work of dedicated staff at an animal hospital in Guatemala. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.50-7.50 Sign Zone

Fern Britton Meets... 4/4 Singer Rebecca Ferguson discusses her Christian faith. (R) (S)

7.50 Herbie Rides Again ***

Comedy sequel to The Love Bug, starring Helen Hayes. Director Robert Stevenson. (1974, U) (S) (W) (HD)

9.15 This Farming Life

The arrival of spring leaves John needing to hire extra workers. (R) (S) (HD)

10.15 Money for Nothing

Sarah Moore finds items in Greater Manchester and Surrey. (S) (HD)

11.15 The Password is Courage ***

War drama based on the exploits of PoW Charles Coward. Director Andrew L Stone (1962, U) (BW) (S) (W)

1.05pm The Heroes of Telemark ***

Wartime thriller starring Kirk Douglas. A team of resistance fighters try to stop the Nazis producing an atomic bomb. Director Anthony Mann (1965, U) (S) (W)

3.15 Nature's Weirdest Events

Shown yesterday 7.15am (S) (HD)

4.00-5.00 Inside the Factory

Examining the production and history of chocolate. (R) (S) (AD) (W)

5.00pm Tribes, Predators and Me

Wildlife film-maker Gordon Buchanan joins a Waorani tribal family in Ecuador's Amazon jungle. Part two tomorrow 5pm. (R) (S) (AD) (W)

6.00 New Zealand: Earth's Mythical Islands

1/3. Cast Adrift. The island chain of New Zealand is one of the most geologically active countries in the world.

The indigenous wildlife has taken its own course through evolution, and the ancient forests are still stalked by predators from the Jurassic era. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Dad's Army

For the Love of Three Oranges. Mainwaring bids against Pike for an orange at a fundraising bazaar, and the pipsqueak reveals a stubborn streak. (R) (S)

7.30 Christmas University Challenge

8/10. The famous university alumni take part in the first of the semi-finals in the Christmas-themed quiz. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions. (S) (HD)

8.00 Gordon Buchanan: Elephant Family and Me

2/2. Gordon Buchanan returns to Kenya to follow baby elephant Wiva and her family in the height of the dry season. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Real Marigold on Tour: Florida

1/2. Inspired by their recent stay in India, Miriam Margolyes, Wayne Sleep, Bobby George and Rosemary Shrager try out other locations in which to retire, starting with Florida. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Inside No 9: The Devil of Christmas

Sardonic seasonal comedy drama with a twist. In 1977 Julian arrives in an Austrian village for a holiday with his family on Krampusnacht. Good children will be given gifts from St Nicholas while the bad ones are punished by the demonic Krampus. Director Graeme Harper. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.45 Pompeii with Michael Buerk

The journalist presents a dramatic new look at the ancient Roman city in all its former glory. The latest technology is used to create a detailed 3D representation of Pompeii, and the reality of daily life for its inhabitants is also explored to reveal what a night out in the town involved and the brutality of the gladiatorial games in the amphitheatre. (S) (HD)

11.45 Rugby Union

Premiership highlights including Harlequins v Gloucester at Twickenham, Exeter Chiefs v Leicester Tigers and Wasps v Bath. (S) (HD)

12.35am Jackpot247

Interactive gaming.

3.00 Nightscreen

Text information. (HD)

5.05-6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

(R) (S) (SL) (HD)

11.00 Insert Name Here

1/6 Series 2. Sue Perkins returns with a seasonal edition of the comedy panel game. (S) (HD)

11.30 NFL This Week

Action from the latest fixtures. (S)

12.20-3.25am Sign Zone

12.20 David Walliams Celebrates Dame Shirley Bassey. (S)

1.25 Planet Earth II

6/6. Footage of wild animals that live in cities. (S) (AD)

2.25 Who Do You Think You Are? (S) (AD)

1.20-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am CITV

9.25 The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas ***

Comedy prequel starring Mark Addy. Director Brian Levant (2000, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.05 This Time Next Year

6/6. Three truck drivers battling the barge. Shown Wednesday 21st 8pm (S) (HD)

12.05pm Tipping Point

With Ben Shepherd. (R) (S) (HD)

1.05 ITV Lunchtime News Weather (S)

1.10 Puppy Secrets: the First Six Months

1/2. The lives of four litters. Part two tomorrow 1.15pm. (R) (S) (HD)

2.10-4.10 Happy Feet ***

Musical animated adventure. Emperor penguins find their soul mate through their "heart song". Unfortunately for Mumble, he can't sing, but he can tap dance brilliantly. Director George Miller (2006, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.10pm Greatest Harry Potter Moments

Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 Confessions of a Teen Drama Queen ***

High-school comedy starring Lindsay Lohan. Director Sara Sugarman (2004, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

1.15pm LIVE Racing

At Chepstow, the Welsh Grand National at 2.40, plus starts at 1.25, 2.00 and 3.15. Races at Kempton Park at 1.45, 2.20 and 3.30. (S) (HD)

4.15-4.20 News (S) (HD)

4.20pm Stuart Little ***

Part-animated fantasy adventure based on EB White's children's story. The Littles want to adopt a younger brother for their son, George. At the orphanage they are charmed by a young mouse called Stuart, and decide to take him home. Director Rob Minkoff (1999, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.00 The Simpsons

The D'oh-ical Network. Lisa creates a social network that takes the town by storm. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30 Hollyoaks

Leah continues to torment Ryan and Amy. Writer Steven Fay. The next episode follows on E4. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Push Paws at Christmas

Boss James takes his team for an ice-breaking Christmas excursion with jewellery expert Ian. (S) (HD)

8.00 Amazing Spaces Snow Special

Architect George Clarke is joined by designer Will Hardie on a tour across the mountain ranges of Western Canada. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 This Is Us

14/18. Pool. Rebecca and Jack take their three children to the community pool and realise that each of them is facing their own struggles. Kate has a crisis of confidence after she and Toby bump into his ex-wife at a restaurant. In New York, Kevin auditions for his first Broadway play. (S) (HD)

10.45 Greatest 80s Movies

A countdown of films from the decade. Director/Producer Sasha Brodgen (S)

1.50am New SuperCasino

3.10 The Dog Rescuers

Shown Wed 21st 8pm (S) (HD)

4.00 Tattoo Disasters UK

Body art fails (S) (SL) (HD)

4.25 Criminals: Caught on Camera

(S) (SL) (HD)

4.45 Great Artists (S) (SL)

5.10-6.00am House Doctor (S) (SL)

Channel4

5.20am Paws ***

Comedy adventure starring Billy Connolly as the voice of a computer-literate Jack Russell terrier. Director Karl Zwicky (1997, U) (S) (W) (HD)

6.50 Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer *

Comedy. Schoolgirl Judy spends the summer with her dreadful aunt. Director Karl Schultz (2011, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

12.05pm SpaceCamp ***

Family adventure with Lea Thompson.

A group of young astronauts are accidentally blasted into space. Director Harry Winer (1986, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

1.10pm Teen Wolf ***

Comedy starring Michael J. Fox. A high-school student discovers that he is turning into a werewolf. Director Rod Roddenberry (1985, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

2.00pm Bigfoot and the Hendersons ***

Comedy with John Lithgow. Director William Dear (1987, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

4.10pm Labyrinth ***

Fantasy adventure. Sarah wishes her brother into the Goblin King's clutches and has 13 hours to rescue him. Director Jim Henson (1986, U) (S) (W) (HD)

7.00 New World's Strongest Man

The opening heat of the competition at Chobe National Park in Botswana.

Repeated tomorrow 9.55am (S) (HD)

Followed by 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 New. There's a Croc in My Kitchen

Just how far will some of us take our love of animals? Jim and Chris keep a Komodo dragon as a pet. One bite from this 20-stone monster could prove fatal. (S) (HD)

9.00 Dirty Dancing ***

Romantic drama. Frances "Baby" Houseman meets dance instructor Johnny at a holiday resort, where he shows her the art of "dirty dancing". Director Emile Ardolino (1987, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

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11.15am ITV1

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast

Sally Nugent, Charlie Stoyt. (S) (HD)
9.00 Tinkerbell and the Secret of the Wings ***

Animated fantasy adventure. The tiny fairy discovers that her home is under threat. Directors Bobs Gannaway and Peggy Holmes (2012, U) (S) (W) (HD)

10.10 Justin's House: Cat's First Christmas

The gang prepares for Christmas. First shown on CBeebies (S) (HD)

10.30 Wallace & Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit ****

Animated comedy adventure. The duo hunt for a destructive giant rabbit. Directors Nick Park and Steve Box (2005, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.50 Bargain Hunt

From Shropshire. (R) (S) (AD) (W)

12.40pm BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

1.00 The Moonstone

3/5. Miss Clack arrives at the Verinder house in Yorkshire. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.45 Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom ***

Adventure. Indy searches for the magical Sankara stone and uncovers an ancient evil cult. Director Steven Spielberg (1984, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

3.35pm Muppets Most Wanted ***

Crime comedy adventure. When Kermit is mistaken for a criminal mastermind, it leaves his fellow Muppets in the hands of the villainous lookalike. Director James Bobin (2014, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

5.15 Pointless

Quiz show with Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Antiques Roadshow

Fiona Bruce looks back at the most talked about finds of the year, and reveals what happened next. (S) (HD)

7.10 Ethel & Ernest

Animated drama based on the award-winning by Raymond Briggs. Milkman Ernest Briggs meets lady's maid Ethel in 1928 and they soon marry. Their son Raymond is born in 1934 and their life together spans such momentous events as the Depression, the Second World War, the Swinging Sixties and the 1969 Moon landing. Director Roger Mainwood (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Jonathan Creek

Daemons' Roost. Alan Davies returns in the title role, as Jonathan attempts to unravel what happened to a young woman's family at Daemon's Roost. The house was once occupied by a 19th century sorcerer, and when the gruesome rituals that were once enacted there are revived, it looks as if the investigation may come to a horrifying end. The Reverend Wendell Wilkie performs an exorcism, but will it be enough to avert disaster? Director Sandy Johnson (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD) Followed by National Lottery Update (S)

10.50 Mrs Brown's Boys

Mammy's Tickled Pink. Agnes frets over Rory's plastic surgery. Winnie drops a bombshell. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.25 Sport Relief: The Final Score

Danny Dyer celebrates the best bits of Sport Relief and meets some of the incredible fundraisers. Series producer Ben Duncan; Executive producer Clare Pizey (S) (HD)

12.25am Fleabag

5/6. Claire and Fleabag mark the anniversary of their mother's death. (R) (S) (HD)

12.50 6/6. An art exhibition brings secrets to light. (R) (S) (HD)

1.20 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

1.25-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

5.40am Natural World

The harpy eagle. (R) (S) (HD)

6.40-7.40am Sign Zone

4/5. The south Devon coastline. (R) (S)

7.10 Great British Menu London and South East chefs produce main courses. (R) (S)

7.40 Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo ***

Comedy. The lovable car tangles with jewel thieves. Director Vincent McEveety (1977, U) (S) (W) (HD)

9.20 This Farming Life

Two farmers must gather their ewes from the hills ready for lambing. (R) (S) (HD)

10.20 Money for Nothing (S) (HD)

11.20 The Alamo ***

Historical war drama starring Dennis Quaid. A small band of Texans defend a strategically important converted mission. Director John Lee Hancock (2004, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

1.25pm Up Periscope ***

Second World War drama. An underwater demolition officer is seconded to the USS Barracuda for an important mission. Director Gordon Douglas (1959, U) (S) (W)

3.15 Nature's Weirdest Events

Chris Packham finds out what poisoned a scientist on an expedition. (R) (S) (HD)

4.00-5.00 Inside the Factory

The team explores the production and history of sweets. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.00pm Tribes, Predators and Me

2/3. The Bushmen in Botswana's Kalahari desert share their survival secrets as they go on foot among wild lions. Part three tomorrow 5pm. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 New Zealand: Earth's Mythical Islands

2/3. How animals including hyper-intelligent parrots and seals with teeth survive in New Zealand's wildest locales. Part three tomorrow 6pm. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 The Good Life

When I'm 65. Tom fears he and Barbara have no money set aside for their old age. First shown in 1978. (R) (S)

7.30 Christmas University Challenge

9/10. The second semi-final of this year's Christmas contest. The final is tomorrow 7.30pm. (S) (HD)

8.00 Robot Wars: Battle of the Stars

1/2. Olympic gold medal-winning triathlon superstar the Brownlee brothers, DJ Scott Mills, space scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock and sports presenter Suzi Perry are all at the top of their game in their respective careers. But will they fare in the bulletproof Robot Wars arena? (S) (HD)

9.00 Dragons' Den

Evan Davis presents a Christmas edition of the business show. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Live at the Apollo

In tonight's Christmas offering of stand-up comedy, Romesh Ranganathan hosts from the west London venue and introduces Sean Walsh, Kerry Godliman and Spencer Jones. (S) (HD)

10.30 The Real Marigold on Tour: Florida

1/2. Actress Miriam Margolyes, dancer Wayne Sleep, darts champion Bobby George and chef Rosemary Shrager investigate retirement in Florida. Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 Song for Marion ***

Comedy drama. Married pensioners Arthur and Marion are soulmates but polar opposites - she's a lover of life and member of the local choir; he's an old curmudgeon with no interest in her hobby. Director Paul Andrew Williams (2012, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

1.00-3.40am Sign Zone

A candid profile of the writer, capturing his busy life. (S) (AD)

2.00 The Lady in the Van ***

Comedy drama based on Alan Bennett's memoir and play, starring Maggie Smith and Alex Jennings. (2015, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

3.00 Nightscreen

Text information. (HD)

5.05-6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

(R) (S) (SL) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain

(S) (HD)

8.30 Lorraine

Guests chat with Lorraine Kelly. (S) (HD)

6.40 Coastal Path

4/5. The south Devon coastline. (R) (S)

7.10 Great British Menu

London and South East chefs produce main courses. (R) (S)

7.40 Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo

Comedy. The lovable car tangles with jewel thieves. Director Vincent McEveety (1977, U) (S) (W) (HD)

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Comedy fantasy. High-school friends Dave and Stoney discover a prehistoric man encased in ice. Director Les Mayfield (1992, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

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Comedy. A father and son find that their

minds have swapped bodies. Director

Brian Gilbert (1988, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

2.45-4.15 Stuart Little 2 ***

Adventure. Stuart befriends a little bird

who hides a dark secret. Director Rob

Minkoff (2002, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

4.15pm Lego's Big Christmas

Cameras go behind the scenes as the

world's biggest Lego store is prepared

for opening in London's Leicester

Square. Shown Boxing Day 8pm (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

5.15 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

5.30 The Simpsons

Replaceable You. Homer loses his job

to his ambitious new assistant. (R) (S)

(AD) (HD)

6.00 The Daughter Also Rises

Lisa begins a romance with her intellectual

match. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30 Hollyoaks

Amy confronts Ryan with the note.

Writer James Coleman shown yesterday

6.55pm E4 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 The Arrivals

Thousands of passengers and their

waiting loved ones congregate in the

impersonal arrivals halls at Heathrow

airport - and many of them have

captivating stories to share. Director/Producer Julie Watson (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 What Britain Bought in 2016

We've had a rollercoaster year in the

UK, but how have the nation's events

shaped our £7 billion-a-week shopping

habit? Mary Portas catches up with

some of our leading retailers. Director Dan Treford. (S) (HD)

9.00 24 Hours in an A&E

A review of 2016. (S) (HD)

3.40 Location, Location, Location

Kirstie and Phil look for properties in

Liverpool. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

4.35-5.30am The Restoration Man

Transforming an RAF bunker in Not-

tinghamshire into a home. (R) (S) (HD)

Channel4

5.00am Ramona and Beezus

Comedy. Nine-year-old Ramona Quimby sees a chance to up her currency when her dad is made redundant. Director Elizabeth Allen (2010, U) (S) (W) (HD)

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11.0pm BBC2



The Amazing Spider Man 2 ***
5.50pm ITV1



Chicken Run ****
11.20am BBC1



Mysterious Island ***
5.30am Channel 4



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BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Sally Nugent. Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD)
9.00 Turbo ***
Animated comedy adventure featuring the voice of Ryan Reynolds. A snail becomes turbo-charged thanks to a freak accident. Director David Soren (2013, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.25 Go Jetters: The North Pole
Santa's sleigh disappears on Christmas Eve. First shown on CBeebies (S) (HD)
10.50 Chicken Run ***
Aardman animated comedy. A clutch of hens on a grim 1950s egg farm plan a prisoner-of-war-style escape. Directors Nick Park and Peter Lord (2000, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.10pm Bargain Hunt
From Norfolk. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.50 BBC News Regional News: Weather (S) (HD)

1.10pm The Moonstone
4/5. Mr Bruff tries to stop Rachel and Godfrey's wedding. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.55-3.55 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade ***
Action adventure with Harrison Ford and Sean Connery. Indy searches for his missing father and ends up in another treasure hunt. Director Steven Spielberg (1989, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

3.55pm Room on the Broom
Animated magical tale, based on the children's picture book by Julia Donaldson. Writers Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler; Producers Michael Rose and Martin Pope; Directors Max Lang and Jan Lachauer (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.20 Shrek the Third ***
Animated fantasy comedy featuring the voice of Mike Myers. Directors Chris Miller and Raman Hui (2007, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

5.45 Pointless
Quiz show presented by Alexander Armstrong. (S) (HD)

6.30 BBC News Regional News: Weather (S) (HD)

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind
With Michelle Acklerley, Joe Fattorini, Danny Clarke and John Finnemore. More tomorrow 7pm. (S) (HD)

7.30 EastEnders
Ronnie encourages Roxy to build bridges with Jack. Satellite and cable viewers can watch a repeat at 10pm on W (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Life in the Snow
Gordon Buchanan reveals the survival secrets of the animals that live in nature's winter wonderlands, including polar bears, penguins and owls. He also looks at favourite Christmas characters, such as reindeer and robins. Producer/directors Sally Thomson and Mark Wheeler (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 To Walk Invisible
Sally Wainwright's drama tells the story of the Brontë sisters' great novels and their battle for recognition. Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë face a bleak future, with their father half-blind and brother Branwell in decline. As their situation worsens, Charlotte sees that writing could offer a way out. Writer/Director Sally Wainwright; Producer Karen Lewis (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 BBC News Regional News: Weather (S) (HD)

11.20 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull ***
Period action adventure starring Harrison Ford. Indiana travels deep into the Amazon jungle in search of a mysterious crystal skull. Director Steven Spielberg (2008, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.15am Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

1.20-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC2

5.45am Natural World
A young tigress is chosen to establish a new population of her species. (R) (S) (HD)

6.45-7.45 Sign Zone
6.45 Coastal Path
5/5. The Jurassic Coast. (R) (S)

7.15 Great British Menu
The London and South East hopefuls serve up their desserts. (R) (S)

7.45 Herbie Goes Bananas ***

Fourth film in the series. Herbie gets caught up in a plot to steal Lincoln gold. Director Vincent McEveety (1980, U) (S) (HD)

9.15 This Farming Life
In Argyl, Sybil prepares for George's 50th birthday and tends a sick cow. (R) (S) (HD)

10.15 Money for Nothing
Sarah Moore transforms four more reclaimed items. (Revised repeat) (S) (HD)

11.15 A Distant Trumpet ***

Western. An inexperienced cavalry officer finds he has far more to contend with than the threat of Apache attacks. Some Native American dialogue +subtitles. Director Raoul Walsh (1964) (S) (W) (HD)

1.10pm Hidalgo ***

Epic adventure based on a true story, starring Viggo Mortensen. A dispatch rider for the US cavalry competes in a 3,000-mile endurance horse race across the Arabian desert. Director Joe Johnston (2003, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 Nature's Weirdest Events

Examining how a tiny crustacean has mastered the art of invisibility. (R) (S) (HD)

4.00-5.00 Inside the Factory

Gregg Wallace and the team investigate crisp production. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.00pm Tribes, Predators and Me

3/3. Gordon Buchanan learns to hunt crocodiles with his bare hands in Papua New Guinea. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 New Zealand: Earth's Mythical Islands

3/3. A caving expedition reveals relics of the original lost world of the nation's pre-human past. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 To the Manor Born

Festive special from 1979. Living in reduced circumstances does not blind Audrey to her responsibilities as Christmas approaches. (R) (S)

7.30 Christmas University Challenge

10/10. It's the grand final of this seasonal competition for alumni from some of the UK's top universities. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions. (S) (HD)

8.00 Robot Wars: Battle of the Stars

2/2. Paralympic gold medallist Kadeena Cox, former football star Robbie Savage, science and history presenter Neil Oliver and Rizzle Kicks star Jordan help design their very own fighting robot to battle it out. (S) (HD)

9.00 Charlie Brooker's 2016 Wipe

Charlie Brooker takes a satirical look back at 2016. (S) (HD)

10.00 Cunk on Christmas

Festive mockumentary from Charlie Brooker, starring Diana Morgan. Cultural commentator Philomena Cunk takes us on an acerbic journey to discover the true meaning of Christmas with help from a variety of experts. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Kevin Bridges: A Whole Different Story

Comedian Kevin Bridges mixes economic theory, art history and diet tips with the rigours of growing up and adapting to his newfound place in the world, in a show from the SSE Hydro in Glasgow. (S) (HD)

11.30 A Gert Lush Christmas

Comedy drama written by and starring Russell Howard. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30am Dragons' Den

A Christmas edition of the business show. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.30-3.30pm Sign Zone

1.30 The Great Christmas Bake Off 1/2. Previous contestants battle it out. (S) (AD)

2.30 Doctor Who

The Doctor joins forces with a superhero. (S) (AD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain
Mark Benton discusses his role in new ITV period drama The Halcyon. (S) (HD)

8.30 Lorraine

Entertainment and fashion news. (S) (HD)

9.25 Free Willy 3: The Rescue ***

Wildlife adventure. The whale's life is threatened by poachers. Director Sam Pillsbury (1997, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

7.15 Short Circuit 2 ***

Fantasy comedy. Johnny Five is deceived by a gang of criminals. Director Kenneth Johnson (1988, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

9.20 The Simpsons

Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD)

10.50 The Great Muppet Caper ***

Musical comedy starring the felt friends, Diana Rigg and Charles Grodin. Director Jim Henson (1981, U) (S) (W) (HD)

12.55pm The Net ***

Thriller starring Sandra Bullock and Jeremy Northam. A reclusive computer expert discovers a sinister online plot. Director Irwin Winkler (1995, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15pm Midsomer Murders

Days of Misrule. Tom Barnaby and Jones are dragged away from a team-building exercise to investigate an explosion at a haulage yard run by TA Commanding officer Matt Parkes and his son James. The young man is ruthless in business, but is he capable of arson or murder? (R) (S) (AD)

5.15 Regional News Weather (S)

5.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S)

5.30 The Amazing Spider-Man 2 ***

Fantasy action adventure. Peter Parker just wants to hang out with his girlfriend, but is burdened with having to save New York from a new electrically charged enemy. Also lurking in the shadows is his increasingly embittered and volatile old friend Harry Osborn. Director Marc Webb (2014, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.30 Emmerdale

Kerry gets drunk and flirts with a man, hoping to make Dan jealous. Writer Cameron McAllister. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ***

Fantasy adventure. The ruthless Death Eaters announce the return of their master, Lord Voldemort, with a series of attacks on London. As disaster looms, Professor Dumbledore brings former tutor Horace Slughorn back to Hogwarts so that young wizard Harry Potter can learn from him the secrets of Voldemort's power. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 is tomorrow at 8pm

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12.20am The Chase

With Bradley Walsh. (R) (S) (HD)

1.05 Jackpot247

Interactive gaming.

3.00 Nightscreeen

Text information. (HD)

5.05-6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Feuding folk air their differences in the studio. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

Free Willy 3: The Rescue ***

2.30am ITV1

Channel4

5.30am Mysterious Island ***

Fantasy adventure. A group of soldiers escape from prison and end up on an island inhabited by giant creatures. Director Cy Endfield (1961, U) (S) (W) (HD)

11.05 West Side Story ****

Film version of the classic musical, starring Natalie Wood and Richard Beymer. Directors Robert Wise and Jerome Robbins (1961, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

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Shane Richie and Jessie Wallace go head to head in this Christmas special. (S) (HD)

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3.10am Building the Ice Hotel (S)

4.00 Witches: A Century of Murder (S) (SL) (HD)

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5.10-6.00am House Doctor (S) (SL)

Channel5

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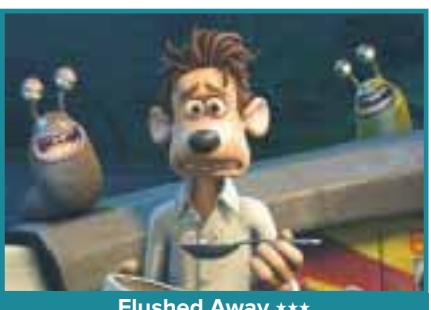
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Captain America: The Winter Soldier
**** 8.30pm BBC1



The Omen ***
2.00am Channel 4

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast

Steph McGovern, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD)
9.00 Shark Tale ***

Animation. A fish collaborates with a

vegetarian great white to dupe fellow

fish into believing he's a heroic shark

killer. (2004, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HO)

10.50 Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers

The inventor fails victim to a villainous

penguin. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.50 Flushed Away

Animation. A posh rodent is flushed

down the toilet to a world where the

population is threatened by an evil

toad. (2006, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HO)

12.10pm Bargain Hunt

A contest at Ardingly Antiques Fair in

West Sussex. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.10 BBC News

Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

1.35 The Moonstone

5/5. A desperate Franklin puts his life

at risk to prove his innocence. (R) (S)

(AD) (HD)

2.20 Kung Fu Panda 2

Animation. Po must embark on a journey

to discover the truth about his childhood.

(2011, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HO)

3.40pm Stick Man

Julia Donaldson's picture-book character

Stick Man is caught up in an incredible

animated adventure. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.10 Wreck It Ralph

Animated adventure. The villain of a

1980s arcade game sets off on a quest

to prove there's more to him than just being

a bad guy. (2012, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HO)

5.45 Pointless

Quiz presented by Alexander

Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 BBC News

Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind

Tiger Drew-Honey, Tom Rovenscroft,

Maria McFetridge and Terry Deary sit in

the famous black chair. (S) (HD)

7.30 A Question of Sport

With former England cricketer James

Taylor, Team GB's Olympic gold medal

hockey star Alex Danson, Olympic

taekwondo silver medallist Lutalo

Muhammad and former West Ham Utd

striker Dean Ashton. (S) (HD)

8.00 EastEnders

Max's return continues to cause friction

as Lee nears breaking point. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Captain America: The Winter Soldier

Action adventure. Steve Rogers (aka

Captain America) is still trying to adjust

to being a wartime super-soldier in the

21st century, with the help of fellow

Avenger Black Widow and army

buddy Sam Wilson. However, when a

mysterious assassin known as the

Winter Soldier makes an appearance,

it has catastrophic consequences for

Steve, Nick Fury and SHIELD itself.

(2014, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HO)

10.40 BBC News

Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

Followed by National Lottery Update (S)

11.00 Still Game The Party

Jack and Victor face a miserable

guletide after they become trapped in

a lift at Osprey Heights. (R) (S)

11.30 Mrs Brown's Boys: Mammy's Christmas Punch

Agnes is intent on a peaceful

Christmas at home. But domestic strife,

carol singers, and Buster's new

Christmas tree conspire to put paid to

such fanciful notions. (R) (S) (HD)

12.10am The NFL Show

Mark Chapman looks at the major

stories shaping the NFL world. (S) (HD)

12.40 Hollywood Homicide

Police comedy drama starring

Harrison Ford and Josh Hartnett. Two

LA cops attempt to investigate a brutal

murder – but they soon become

sidetracked with personal issues.

(2003, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HO)

2.30 Weather for the Week Ahead

(S) (HD)

2.35-6.00am BBC News

(S) (HD)

BBC2

6.25am Meerkats: Secrets of an Animal Superstar

A 20-year study of the animals' behaviour: (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.25 Sign Zone

The top two South East chefs. (R) (S)

8.25 Short Circuit

Fantasy comedy. Energised by a freak power overload, robot Number Five springs to life and promptly goes

10.00 This Farming Life

Martin prepares two bulls for the Royal

Highland Show in Edinburgh. (R) (S) (HD)

11.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

Comedy. Rival conmen compete to see who can trick a glamorous heiress out of her fortune. (1988, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HO)

1.05pm All Star Family Fortunes

(R) (S) (HD)

1.50pm ITV Lunchtime News

Regional News; Weather (S)

2.05 The Dam Busters

Period comedy. An alcoholic coach

takes charge of an all-female baseball

team. (1992, PG) (S) (W) (HO)

2.30pm CutThroat Island

Action adventure. A woman sets sail in search of buried riches from a Spanish

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The author's top ten children's books. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo at Christmas

Ep 6 Series 2. Christmas stockings await the Sumatran orangutan clan. Shown Thursday 22 December 8pm (S) (HD)

5.00 Channel 4 News

Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

5.30 The Simpsons

Springfield Up. A film-maker visits Springfield to see how the residents are progressing. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Hollyoaks

The twins rope Harry into their mischief-making. (S) (AD) (HD)

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Owners with funny or emotive reasons

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hosted by Noel Edmonds. He is assisted by an SOS squad intent on

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8.00 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast

Fantasy adventure. With Lord Voldemort once again in the ascendance, teenage wizard Harry Potter and his friends

Hermione and Ron are forced to go on the run. Armed with items given to them by headmaster Albus Dumbledore, they

seek to destroy artefacts that contain the key to Voldemort's power. (2010, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HO)

10.40 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather (S)

11.05 Jaws 2

Sequel to Steven Spielberg's blockbuster, starring Roy Scheider as police chief Martin Brody, who fears that a

great white shark is once again threatening the holiday resort of Amity. But with the summer season under way, Brody has a tough job convincing

Amity's business community of the danger. (1978, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HO)

1.10am Jackpot247

Interactive gaming.

3.00-6.00am Nightscreen

Text information. (HD)

Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore

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6.00am Good Morning Britain

(S) (HD)

8.30 Lorraine

Guests, gossip and fashion. (S) (HD)

9.25 Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore

Part-animated fantasy. Cats and

canines are forced to join forces to stop

a crazed feline. (2010, 10) (S) (W) (HO)

11.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

Comedy. Identical twins hatch a plan

to get their divorced parents back together again. (1988, PG) (S) (W) (HO)

8.35 The Simpsons

Double bill. (R) (S) (AD)

9.35 A League of Their Own

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10.40pm Planet of the Apes

Sci-fi adventure. An astronaut

crash-lands on a planet ruled by talking apes. 5 News Update at 5.00, (2001, 12) (S) (W) (HO)

7.00 New. World's Strongest Man

The fourth heat in Botswana. (S) (HD)

Followed by 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 New. Britain's Cleverest Dog

Featuring a canine who masters a

puzzle that flummoxes most toddlers. (S) (HO) Followed by 5 News Update (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Flowers in the Attic: Petals on the Wind

Drama about a woman who returns to

the site of her traumatic childhood,

planning to take revenge on her

mother. Includes 5 News Update at 10.00, (S) (HO)

10.45 The Blind Side

Drama based on a true story. The life

of homeless African American

teenager Michael seems to be

heading nowhere until a wealthy white

housewife takes him into her family

home. (2009, 12) (S) (W) (HO)

1.05am New. SuperCasino

Shown Christmas Eve 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

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5 TIPS FOR BETTER STORAGE

By Julia Gray, Press Association

1. One room where storage is essential is the bedroom, and while many of us dream of a walk-in wardrobe, most homes don't have space for one. The next best thing is built-in wardrobes, as they provide acres of space and are a more flexible storage solution than freestanding wardrobes. Fitted storage is particularly useful in awkwardly shaped rooms, such as loft bedrooms, where built-in wardrobes can make the most of the space, especially in the eaves. They are usually made to measure, so all the available space is used, and the interiors can be customised with drawers, shelves and hanging rails, etc, depending on your needs. The main downside is the price - fitted wardrobes typically cost thousands of pounds from a specialist company, although a carpenter will often make them for a lot less.



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2. If your bedroom already has fitted wardrobes but the doors belong to another decade, simply replace them with more up-to-date ones (as long as the wardrobe interiors are fine). It's easy to get standard-sized or made-to-measure replacement wardrobe doors, especially online, giving you a great new look for a fraction of the price of new wardrobes. Alternatively, get a carpenter to make new doors for you.

3. In the kitchen, lack of storage can drive you to distraction. A larder is ideal, but may not be an option in a small kitchen, where it's really important to have clever storage and a well-designed layout. Kitchen showrooms and DIY stores can offer ingenious ways of making more of the space, including pull-out worktops, pull-out shelves/racks in larder units, carousels so you can easily access the back of corner units, and tall wall units that provide extra storage in kitchens with higher ceilings.

4. Away from the kitchen, there's potential to create storage space all over the home. Ideas include turning an understairs space into a cupboard, window seats with built-in storage, stairs that contain drawers, a vanity unit for extra bathroom storage, and built-in bookshelves and cupboards in alcoves;

even a desk. With a bespoke home office, the space can be tailor-made for your computer, printer, files and more.

5. Some of the best storage is, of course, your home's loft. If you need to access it often, fitting a large loft hatch with a built-in ladder will make it much easier. You'll also need to board the loft (if it's not already boarded) before storing things up there. Use sheets of chipboard, or chipboard loft boards, which slot together. 'Soft' insulation (in rolls), such as mineral wool, shouldn't be compressed, though, so use loft legs to raise the floor level above the insulation - the recommended depth for mineral wool is 27cm. Another option is to lay rolls of insulation between the joists, but rigid insulation over them and chipboard on top - some rigid insulation has a chipboard top layer.

PRODUCTS OF THE WEEK

Make a DIYer happy this Christmas with the Stanley Cushion Grip Screwdriver Set (£24.99, Screwfix), 10 top-of-the-range cross-headed and flat-headed screwdrivers in different sizes. They have soft-grip handles for comfort and control, but smooth, domed ends for fast rotation. The magnetic tips make picking up screws easy, while the steel bars reduce the risk of the tips breaking. These screwdrivers come in a rigid carry case, so it's easy to keep them together and see if one is missing.

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HOW-TO TIP

If you're having your home rewired and want to add decorative ceiling roses around some of the ceiling lights, ensure you fit them before the electrics are second-fixed. This enables the electrician to fit the plastic ceiling rose on top of the decorative rose, giving easy access to the wiring if there's ever a problem with the light.

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Diary Dates

TUESDAY DECEMBER 20TH

SEATON: Cooking For One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 11am-1pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and modified diets (eg puree/fork mashable). At the United Reformed Church, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information or email laura@half.org.uk.

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21ST

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

SEATON: Unique Boutique Pop Up Shop at 5 Fore Street, 10am-12.30pm. Various goods on sale, all produced by Devon's independent makers, craftsers and artists. For more details call 07970 857696 or search 'Seaton Pop Up Shop' on Facebook.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – 'eyes down' at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 22ND

HONITON: Honiton 55 Day Care Centre Christmas Dinners. Full festive menu £8 per head all welcome, booking essential. Entertainment every session. Call Jean on 01404 434545.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £2.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.30am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24TH

CREWKERNE: John De Barra live at the King William, 8pm **CHARD:** The Church of the Good Shepherd Midnight Mass (sung), 11.30pm.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 25TH **CHARD:** The Church of the Good Shepherd Christmas Day Mass (sung), 9.45am.

MONDAY DECEMBER 26TH **CHARD:** The Church of the Good Shepherd Mass (said), 10am.

CHARD: Weekend Dancing with Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Festive Season Ball (evening wear). At Chard Guildhall, 8-11pm. Free parking after 6pm in Council car park (not Lid). Bring your own snacks. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. £6 on the door. For more details call 01803 325905.

MERRIOTT: Boxing Day disco from 4pm at Merrriott Social Club.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 29TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £2.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

SUNDAY JANUARY 1ST **CHARD:** The Church of the Good Shepherd The Holy Family. Mass (sung) 9.45am. Nine Lessons and Carols, 3pm.

CREWKERNE: Classic Car Meet. Haselbury Mill, just off A30 East of Crewkerne. £2 entry, no need to book, just turn up. 10.00am-2.00pm. Hog Roast



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Twelfth Night jazz

THE FIRST concert of the year at Ilminster Arts Centre takes place on Twelfth Night, and promises to get 2017 off to a vintage start, with the return of jazz pianist Mike Denham on Friday, January 6th. Mike is a hugely popular performer at the Arts Centre and this concert will take the form of one of his entertaining 'SpeakEasy' nights of vintage jazz.

Joining Mike for this journey back in jazz time is clarinetist Mike Snelling. Weymouth-born Mike took up clarinet at the tender age of 10 and he has been a fixture on the UK traditional jazz scene for many years, originally playing with Alex Welsh, and latterly with Chris Barber between 2006-9. Over the years he has worked alongside many of the world's finest players, including Michael Andrew, "Peanuts" Hucko, Ralph Sutton, Bud Freeman, Buddy Tate, Bob Wilbur and Kenny Davern. Together the two Mikes will entertain the Arts Centre audience with a foot tapping, nostalgic soaked trip through the jazz classics of yesterday.

Mike Denham's SpeakEasy comes to Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, January 6th at 8pm. Tickets are £12, and a pre-show supper is available for £14 at 7pm but must be pre-booked. For more details and to book call 01460 54973 or visit www.themeetinghouse.org.uk

Prizewinners on parade

THE FIRST exhibition of the year at Ilminster Arts Centre celebrates the success of the artists who were the prizewinners of the Ilminster Open Competition in 2016. As part of their prize, the artists won the chance to exhibit at the Arts Centre and now their moment in the spotlight has arrived.

Heading the bill is the overall winner Jane Burden, a West Dorset based artist whose mixed media textile and ceramic pieces pack a powerful emotional punch. Her site specific commissions and exhibitions have taken her all over England and her return to Ilminster Arts Centre is keenly anticipated. Former ad-man Peter Monkcom won second prize jointly with Charo Ritchie and both artists will be showing their latest work. Peter (who in his earlier career created the legendary 'Captain Birdseye' of fishfinger fame) uses found objects to construct witty 'assemblages'. Charo is a botanical illustrator who captures the natural world in painstaking watercolour detail. Sue Smallwood, the winner of the 3D prize will also be showing her new pieces - her enigmatic ceramic sculpture 'Jani' was one of the talking points of the 2016 Open. West Somerset based artist Leo Davey won the highly coveted 'Visitors' Choice' award and his highly accomplished evocative paintings will once again grace the Arts Centre's walls.

The eclectic and varied line-up is completed by the three Highly Commended prizewinners: wildlife painter Sue Allen, mixed media artist Imogen Bittner and environmental painter Gary Cook, whose work fuses traditional painting and hard-hitting graphics.

The show opens on January 3rd, running until the 21st, and will be a welcome opportunity to revisit and explore in depth the work of a talented and diverse group of local artists. The exhibition is open 9.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday, and 9.30am-2.30pm Saturdays. Free entry.

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Friday 13 January 8pm

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TUESDAY JANUARY 3RD

AXMINSTER: Axminster Probus Club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men meets at 10.00 for 10.30am in a private room at the A35 Pit Stop, Gammons Hill, Kilmington for a talk by Bonny Sartin of The Yetties and an optional lunch. For further details ring 01460 220528.

CHARD: Chard Ladies' Evening Guild will have a talk by Richard Kay from Lawrences' Antiques, entitled "An Auctioneer's 10 Commandments". Everyone is welcome to join us at 7pm. at Manor Court School.

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SEATON: Yoga with a Chair. Free Taster session 1.30pm to 2.30pm at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERY body. Info. Yvonne 01297 20326 waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk

AXMINSTER: Our Local WW2 Airfields: Dunkeswell, Upottery and Exeter A fascinating talk by members of the Southwest Airfields Heritage Trust explaining the crucial role of these key airfields.

Axminster Historical Society, 7.30pm The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street, Axminster, EX13 5AH All welcome!

CREWKERNE: Christmas Bingo at Henhayes Centre – £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

THURSDAY JANUARY 5TH

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EXETER: Adoption Information meeting at Kenn Centre, Exeter Road, Kennford, EX6 7UE, 6.30-8.30pm. **CHARD:** Chard Camera Club meeting in the Baptist Church, Holyrood Street 7.30pm. The members will be trying their hand at photography lighting, modelling and macro work. Anyone wishing to join them can do so by turning up on the evening. Further details can be obtained from their website www.chardcameroclub.org.uk or by ringing the Temp: members secretary Mr Malcolm Brocklehurst 01460 68616

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2 for members/ £3 for non-members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 2-4.30pm at Henhayes Centre. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

SUNDAY JANUARY 8TH

CHARD: The Church of the Good Shepherd Epiphany Sunday. Mass (sung) 9.45am.

MONDAY JANUARY 9TH

CHARD: Honiton Art Society Meeting. Watercolour demonstration by Lynda Kettle, Awliscombe Village Hall, 2 to 4pm. New Members and Visitors always welcome. Visitors £4

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 7-9.30pm at Henhayes Centre. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

TUESDAY JANUARY 10TH

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Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

OUR NEW SHOWBIZ COLUMN

All the right lines but not necessarily in the right order!

I've spent much of the last few weeks desperately trying to learn my lines for the imminent pantomime, which I'm part of in Axminster in January.

I haven't got very many, but my rapidly ageing brain seems increasingly unable to memorise even the simplest of phrases.

Former X Factor finalist-turned television presenter Stacey Solomon has faced a media storm this week after suffering from the same affliction and actually went onstage for her first performance of *Dick Whittington* in Milton Keynes with a clip-board.

I have performed with many local legends, some of which have, at times virtually rewritten parts of shows, by missing out huge swathes of the dialogue, thus leaving other cast members mystified as to how to save the story. The great Bill Street (of *Lyme Regis Pantomime* fame), before

his retirement from the stage, was a master at performing all of the right lines, but not necessarily in the right order.

I witnessed a plethora of professional pantomime masters this week when I attended the gala opening night of *Cinderella* at the London Palladium. The mayhem maestros included Paul O'Grady, Amanda Holden, Julian Clary and Lee Mead in the fabulously festive show, which cleverly entwined musical theatre references and big budget effects, while keeping the essence of a village pantomime.

The number of celebrities in the auditorium equally matched the number of stars on stage. It's always nice to see a few famous faces, but you do become a bit blasé, when the same ones turn up to everything (Christopher Biggins and Gaby Roslin would probably attend the opening

of an envelope!).

There are still some who I feel excited about meeting and I was thrilled to be sitting behind the Krankies, with Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber just a little way in front. There are few celebrities these days that I would be genuinely impressed by, although if I were to meet someone like Barbara Streisand I'd probably go a bit gaga.

I also find the different levels of celebrity really interesting. For example, I've met Brain May on a number of occasions, but many of my colleagues in Lyme Regis don't recognise the legendary Queen guitarist, yet ask them about *Geordie Shore* and they could probably give you a full biography of the various cast members.

I often get invited to interview people and have no idea who they are, particularly if they have gained fame through reality TV or soap operas. I tend to tell them to imagine I don't know anything about them (which of course, I don't) and ask them to talk about themselves for the benefit of our readers. Most aspiring celebs are more than happy to regale you with their life history, no matter how dull, unfortunately. In London you tend to meet famous people even when you don't mean to. In fact, I once got a kiss from comedian Peter Kaye as I was wondering through Leicester Square.

I also got chatting to an adorable young lad at a bar in Shepherd's Bush last year and when he told me his name was Jake Bugg, it didn't ring a bell, but apparently he's a rock star!

The opening of Simon Callow's version of *A Christmas Carol* was an equally starry event and the stage stalwart showed none of the memory problems, with which I'm tormented; recounting the entire Dickens' classic, while depicting all of the characters in an astonishingly adept solo performance.

I get given lots of 'plus ones' to big shows and I've got a few good friends in London, who I know I can trust to behave appropriately at big glitzy celeb filled events.

Most of the time I'm accompanied by my best buddy, former Uplifter Jon White (who came with me to the Palladium this week), but he was busy on Thursday, so my friend Richard Hadfield (formerly of *Britain's Got Talent* Collabro fame) tagged along to see *A Christmas Carol*. It's always weird when you're with a celeb, whether it's just meeting them for a coffee or at a big event, as they often have to become a completely different person when faced with hoards of fans wanting selfies and autographs.

It can be a really intimidating experience, although it does earn big brownie points from the PR companies when you turn up with a famous face, because it makes their opening night photos more likely to appear in the papers.

Due to my Christmas deadlines, I'm missing the next few pantomime rehearsals and a sense of impending doom is gradually filtering into my psyche. If you would be interested in watching my latest



Julian Clary (left) and Nigel Havers in panto mode at The Palladium

local stage foray, tickets for *Robinson Crusoe* at the Guildhall, Axminster (January 19th-21st) are available from the Archway bookshop from December 28th.

To take my mind off the panic, I'm going to see the incomparable

Joe Stilgoe (pianist extraordinaire and son of famed lyricist and entertainer Sir Richard Stilgoe) at the Lyric, Hammersmith before catching up on the musicals *Rent* and *Dreamgirls*, both of which I have missed the press per-

formances of, but as I'm now established, I'm able to request tickets for pretty much whenever I like!

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites london-newsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk

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► Next week I will be reviewing my favourite shows from 2016 and ones to look out for in 2017.

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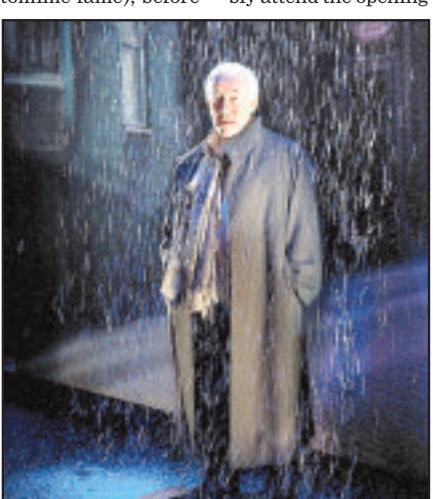
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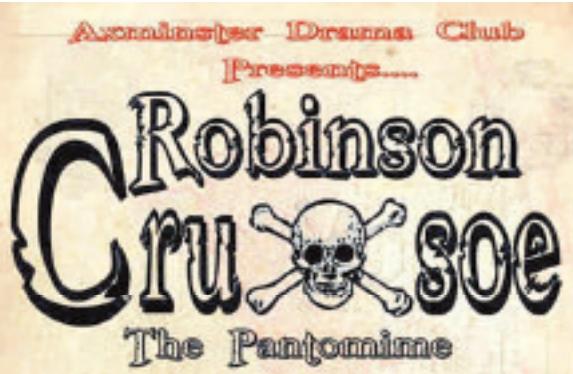
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Anne Reid and her musical director Jason Carr present an evening of songs, stories, music and memories, including filming with Daniel Craig, performing Shakespeare at Buckingham Palace, and making Last Tango in Halifax!

Reid is one of Britain's most-loved and respected actors, star of the very popular Last Tango in Halifax, Ladies of Letters, Dinnerladies and The Mother. What is

less well known is her life as a cabaret performer.

Over the past two years Reid's cabaret has sold out at numerous venues across London and now she embarks on a UK tour and is coming to Seaton Gateway Theatre.

Her fascinating stories, such as being ferried about the world by young pilots when she was a young girl of 12, working with actor Daniel Craig, being bombed out of her home in the war and the capers of her fearless mother are both self-deprecating and funny and lead effortlessly into the songs, such as Once Upon A Time.

All in all, this is a nostalgic look at her life and career with highly engaging anecdotes and warm audience rapport.

Anne Reid comes to The Gateway on Saturday, January 14th. Doors open 7.30pm Performance 8pm. Tickets £18 in advance.

WHAT better way to wash away the January Blues than with the nations funkiest 10-piece soul band that is Joey The Lips, back for another fast paced, full energy amazing party.

This ten piece band originally formed as a soul outfit, the band has since diversified and whilst Soul is still the staple diet we now describe the show as Funky Soul, Blues & Disco Revue! Today's set is very diverse; from Gimme Some Lovin' (Spencer Davis Group) to Beyoncé's Crazy in Love, and from River Deep Mountain High to Queen's Don't Stop Me Now, and the band's storming finale of the B52's Love Shack, with a heavy metal medley thrown in!

Joey The Lips play live at The Gateway on Saturday, January 21st, doors open 7.30pm.

Tickets £13 in advance available from The Gateway Box Office 01297 625699 open Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm and Sat 10am to 1pm.

Colourful Set on the way for Axminster Panto

Preparations are underway for Axminster Drama Clubs next production Robinson Crusoe. For several months now members of the club have been busy making costumes, learning lines and dance routines and everything else that goes into one of ADC's pantomimes. This year current club Chairman Mike Speller will be directing an ADC panto for the first time with the assistance of Jack Price who directed last year's show.

Thanks to the artistic talents of Jackie Demkiw and Heather White this year's scenery looks like being particularly colourful and creative with brand new back cloths and flats well on the way with as usual their now famous humorous touches. The scenery alone is going to be well worth the ticket price!

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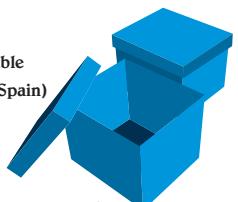
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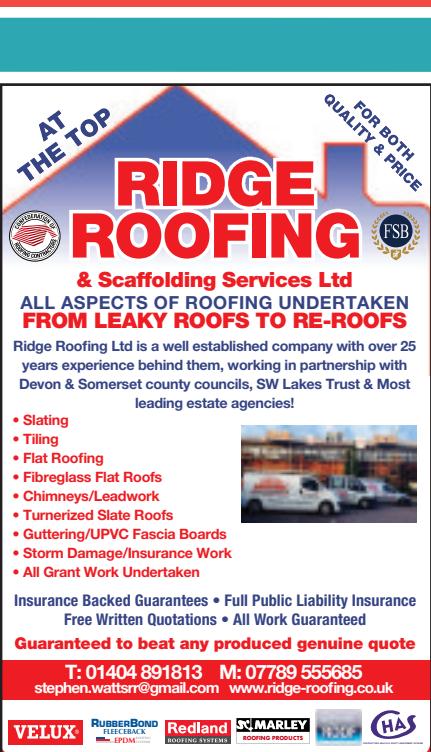
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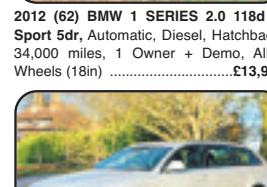
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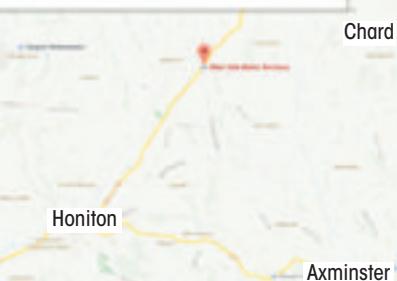
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Exeter University 4ths	12	27
PERRY STREET	10	23
Honiton Town Res	13	23
Axminster Town Res	12	22
East Budleigh	16	22
Tedburn St Mary	14	19
Newton Poppleford	11	15
Clyst Valley Reserves	13	11
Exmouth Amateurs Res	14	10
Culm Utd	15	4
D&E Div 4 (24) Pld	Pts	
Thorverton	11	33
Kentisbeare	10	28
Upplowman Athletic	13	28
Ottery St Mary	15	24
Courtney Wear Dyan	13	21
Sandford	15	20
Exeter University 5ths	12	19
Priory	11	17
Otterton	12	13
Morchaire Bishop	15	12*
Pinhoe	13	11
St Martins Reserves	14	8
Sandford Peverell	14	6
D&E Div 5 (24) Pld	Pts	
Royal Oak	12	34
Crediton Utd Reserves	11	28
Millwey Rise	13	22
Winchester	11	21
Feniton Reserves	12	19
South Zeal Utd	15	19
South Zeal Generals	14	15
Newton St Cyres	12	13
Beer Albion Reserves	10	10
Alphington 3rds	13	10
Awliscombe Utd	12	7

SW PENINSULA LEAGUE (D1E)

A POOR performance at Minster Park saw Axminster Town slump to their third successive defeat and slip to eighth in the South West Peninsula League table.

The Tigers started brightly, but this was to prove their best period of the match as the Saints went marching to victory.

They opened the scoring five minutes before half-time and added a second courtesy of a crisp 20-yard volley from Jack Rawlings. An own goal rounded things off near the end.

Next up for the Ax is the visit by Teignmouth on Tuesday, December 27th (11am ko).

Axminster: Scott Wells-Burr, Crag Every, Jon Hurford, Ben Clay, Chris Duchenski, Gary Spiller, Liam Cleal, Nathan Warren, Ben Turner, Ben Vine, Tony Pinder. Subs: Elliot Dyer, Mark Smale, Mark Scott.

MATCH REPORTS

TOPSHAM TOWN 3 BEER ALBION 4

Premier Division

BEER Albion produced the shock of the day in the Premier Division with a 4-3 win at last season's champions Topsham Town which all but puts paid to any chance Town had of retaining their title writes Richard Honnor.

The Fishermen, having lost their first five league matches are on a run of six matches undefeated including four wins.

What made this result more remarkable was that Beer were understrength and travelled with no substitutes.

Beer got off to a great start when they were gifted a penalty for handball inside the first minute which Simon Smith coolly slotted home.

The Fishermen increased their lead midway through the half when player-boss Richard Walker slotted home the second goal.

Topsham responded strongly to reduce the score to 2-1 at the break but Beer went 3-1 up soon after when Chris Long chipped the Tops' keeper.

The Fishermen then had to withstand an onslaught and inevitably Topsham reduced the arrears and then drew level at 3-3.

But, in another isolated breakaway, Long grabbed the winner for Beer.

Man-of-the-match for Beer was midfield dynamo Alex Hunt who worked tirelessly in front of his backline to break up the Topsham attacks.

BEER ALBION RESERVES 2 MILLWEY RISE 6

Division Five

AFTER beating Millwey Rise on their own patch two weeks ago, below-strength Beer Albion Reserves suffered a reversal going down 6-2 to their Axminster-based rivals at the Furzebrake on Saturday.

Millwey started the game brightly and as early as the sixth minute Beer's young keeper Henry Bartlett took an early blow when making a courageous save at the feet of Millwey skipper Shane Featherstone who received a booking for the challenge. But the visitors were ahead six minutes later through the prolific Levi Hoole, returning after injury, who shot home from 18 yards.

This spurred the Fishermen into life and on 14 minutes they equalised through Joel Seward whose powerful shot was partially blocked by keeper Nathan Hoole but had sufficient momentum to cross the Upottery account.

UPOTTERY enjoyed an entertaining 5-3 win at home to HATHERLEIGH TOWN with Max McKeown scoring twice. Jamie Girton, Dan Scadden and Dan Anjos completed the Upottery account.

NEWTON ST CYRES ended on a welcome note as they beat BOW AAC 4-1. Dean Billingsley (2), Josh Boulton and Kenny Ord scored for the Cyres, Richard Gregory got one back for Bow but they

of heads but carried on bravely.

After the break, Beer again allowed Hoole too much room and he notched his hat-trick on 52 minutes to increase the visitors' lead. On 60 minutes Beer went close when keeper Nathan Hoole mishandled presenting Alex Paget with a chance but his header was cleared off the line. The Millwey keeper made amends 2 minutes later with a fine save from Brewer after a good passing move.

In a incident packed game Beer were reduced to 10 men when skipper Aaron Wain who had been booked earlier was sent off on 63 minutes after receiving a second yellow for a reckless foul.

Not to be outdone, five minutes later Millwey captain Featherstone was dismissed after receiving his 2nd booking.

Millwey put the game beyond Beer on 75 minutes when the home side gave the ball away and were punished on the break by Jack Farrant who made it 4-1 with a clinical finish.

Beer did reduce the arrears on 86 minutes when Robert Adkin headed home a Jack White cross.

However, Beer were punished by two late goals on the counter, firstly through Nathan Womersley on 88 minutes then by Tyler Allen a minute later.

Sponsors Jimmy Green Marine awarded man-of-the-match to Millwey's three-goal striker Levi Hoole.

MILLWEY RISE RES 6 TEDBURN ST MARY RES 1

Division Nine

GOALS from Danny Larcombe and Mark Pike (2) had Rise in control at 3-0 at half-time.

The second period brought more of the same with Millwey dominant in all departments. Chris Lusby scored two further goals and Pike completed his hat-trick before Tedburn had a late consolation goal for their efforts.

D & E Round-up

HONITON TOWN RES stole the show on the final saturday of 2016 with their 3-1 victory at home to previously unbeaten Division Three leaders BAMPTON.

An own goal, Luke Phillips and Ryan Dunn scored the Hippos' goals, but The Ponies did have one disallowed and also missed a penalty. Jack Isaacs was their goalscorer.

NEWTON will head into the New year as Premier leaders following their 4-3 victory at EXMOUTH AMATEURS, but they nearly let the cat out of the bag. Two goals ahead, Newton then fell 3-2 behind but managed to recover and score twice to glean the points.

The big game between ELMORE and HONITON TOWN had to be postponed as Horsdon Park was declared unplayable.

The big upset came at TOPSHAM TOWN where the reigning champions were beaten 4-3 by BEER ALBION. The fishermen converted all four major chances but Topsham were guilty of some wasteful finishing.

HEAVITREE UNITED recovered from last weeks cup exit to beat CLYST VALLEY 2-0, and FENITON saw off SEATON TOWN 4-0 although they should have been well adrift before Charlie Selley scored their first half goal from a penalty. Phil Everett and Ben Ede (2) added further goals after the break.

LYME REGIS RES look well set to challenge for promotion after a 6-1 win at lowly Stoke Hill. Dec Ellis bagged a second half hat-trick for the Seasiders whose other marksmen were Julian Simier, Fred Parsons and Mark Batey.

With neither of their main rivals in action, AXMINSTER TOWN took over first place in Division Eight as they saw off SEVEN STARS KENNFORD 3-1 with goals from John Vaughan, Darren Whitehouse and substitute Pete Smith.

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still seek a first win.

CRONIES FC march on as Division One leaders winning 5-1 at second place COLYTON. A Ryan Burrows hat-trick and Liam Carey brace proved enough to see off their hosts.

SIDMOUTH TOWN won a lively South Coast derby at LYME REGIS 4-3. Rob Fellingham, Chris Herbst and Mark Bailey netted for Lyme who led 2-0 but had Herbst sent off in the 40th minute after receiving a second yellow.

WELLINGTON TOWN drew 2-2 with EXMOUTH TOWN. Jamie Cox and Tobi Jenkins scoring for The Tangerines, Adam Pannell and James Sharkey for the seadiders.

It also finished 1-1 between ALPHINGTON and WILLAND ROVERS whose goal came from Toby Hogan.

CULLOMPTON RANGERS and LAPFORD are soaring ahead in Division Two. The Rangers won 3-0 at HALWILL, and Lapford won 4-0 at home to HEAVITREE UNITED with Mark Tucker getting a hat-trick and Harry Leach also scoring. Keeper Matt Parsell saved a penalty.

CHAGFORD were twice behind at home to WOODBURY but rescued the game to win 4-2. Dave Evans and Tim Held scored for the Woobers, but two Andrew Davis penalties and singles from Josh Stanbury and Frankie Astill-Sheppard won it for the mormons.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON won their derby game at TIPTON ST JOHN 2-1 with Rafael Castillejos and Warren Vaughan goals. Jonny Heaver had the Tipton goal.

With Third Division leaders Bampton coming undone, rivals PERRY STREET made up some ground as they despatched EAST BUDLEIGH 4-1. AXMINSTER TOWN RESERVES also banked three points after Mike Knight (3), Aaron Daniels (2), Brad-Lee Miller (2) and Jamie Barfoot netted in the 8-1 demolition of CULM UNITED.

THORVERTON won the top game in Division Four 2-1 at home to UPLOWMAN ATHLETIC with Adrian Andrews and Jack Thomas scoring. Paul Orchard managed one back for the thors who claimed they had far more of the game.

OTTERY ST MARY recovered from going behind against PINHOE to win 2-1, Jake Allen getting both goals.

THE ROYAL OAK dropped their first points as Division Five leaders with a 4-4 draw against second place CREDITON UNITED. That was the best outcome for the chasing pack especially MILLWEY RISE who left BEER ALBION 6-2 winners, and WHIPTON & PINHOE who returned victorious from SOUTH ZEAL 5-0.

EXWICK VILLAGE took over as Division Seven leaders with a 5-0 win at SILVERTON, but they have on eye on HEMYOCK who powered to a 7-0 win against neighbouring DUNKESWELL ROVERS.

Darren Heale and Shane Heale both scored twice for TIVY PARK RANGERS in their 4-1 success at HATHERLEIGH TOWN.

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bagged the Hippos' consolation.

CHAGFORD won 8-3 at AMORY GREEN ROVERS Kev Hirst leading the way with a hat-trick. Darren Siwiec, Nathan Hubble, Adam White, Dan Stone and Zak Gill also scored.

The Devon & Exeter League has now shut down for the festive season, the first matches in 2017 will be on Saturday, January 7th.

RESULTS

MACRON DEVON AND EXETER PREMIER

Elmore v Honiton Town, post.

Exmouth Amat 3, Newtown 4.

Feniton 4, Seaton Town 0.

Heavitree 1, Clyst Valley 0.

Newton St Cyres 4, Bow AAC 1.

Topsham Town 3, Beer Albion 4.

Upottery 5, Hatherleigh Town 3.

DIVISION ONE

Alphington 1, Willand Rov 1.

Colyton 1, Cronies FC 5.

Lyme Regis 3, Sidmouth Town 4.

Wellington Tn 2, Exmouth Tn 2.

DIVISION TWO

Axmouth Utd 3, Dawlish 1.

Chagford 4, Woodbury 2.

Halwill 0, Cullompton Rgs 3.

Lapford 4, Heavitree Utd 0.

Lymington 1, Newton Town 3.

Lympstone 1, Newtown 3.

Tipton St John 1, Budleigh Salt 2.

DIVISION THREE

Axminster Tn 8, Culm Utd 1.

Bampton 9, Culm Utd 1.

Clyst Valley 6, N'ton Poppleford 2.

Honiton Town 3, Bampton 1.

Perry Street 4, East Budleigh 1.

Tedburn St M 3, Exmouth Amat 0.

DIVISION FOUR

Kentisbeare 4, Otterton 0.

Ottery St Mary 2, Pinhoe 1.

Priory 8, St Martins 1.

Sampford Pev 0, Countess Wear 1.

Sandford 4, Morth Bishop 0.

Thorverton 2, Upplowman Ath 1.

* points adjusted

DIVISION FIVE

Beer Albion 2, Millwey Rise 6.

North Tawton 0, Awliscombe Utd 0.

Royal Oak 4, Crediton Utd 4.

South? Zeal 0, Whipton &? Pin. 5.

Starcross Gen 4, Newton St C 3.

Winchester 6, Alphington 1.

DIVISION SIX

Central FC 4, Halwill 1.

Hatherleigh Town 1, Tivvy Park 4.

Hemyock 7, Dunkswell Rovers 0.

Pinhoe 0, Exwick Village 5.

Stoke Hill 1, Lyme Regis 6.

Winkleigh v Offwell Rangers, post.

DIVISION SEVEN

Cranbrook 4, Cheriton Fitzpaine 1.

Exmouth Spartans 3, Colyton 0.

Seaton Town v KM Polonia, post.

Sidmouth Town 5, Bickleigh 3.

Woodbury 2, Ilminster Town 6.

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Colyton

RESULTS (1001/Pairs first): **Week 12:** Dolphin A 2(3) Vault B 3(3); Vault A 5(5) Dolphin B 0(1); Kingfisher B 0(0) Halesy's Bar B 5(6); Golden Hind 3(2) Kings Arms 2(4); Royal Clarence A 0(1) Kingfisher A 5(5) (back game from Sept 29th). **♦ Note:** The printed fixture list sent out at the start of the season has an error for the fixtures on Thursday, December 22nd - the Kingfisher teams were swapped over. The correct matches are: Kingfisher A v Dolphin A, Dolphin B v Kingfisher B.

1001 pairs	Tucker Cup	Pld	Pts
Halesy's Bar A	10	42	
Halesy's Bar B	10	40	
Kings Arms	11	34	
Vault A	10	29	
Dolphin A	10	28	
Golden Hind	9	24	
Vault B	10	22	
Kingfisher A	9	21	
Kingfisher A	9	20	
Dolphin B	9	16	
Clarence A	8	6	
New Inn	8	3	
Singles - Maundrill Cup	Pld	Pts	
Halesy's Bar A	10	44	
Halesy's Bar B	10	44	
Kings Arms	11	42	
Dolphin A	10	36	
Vault A	10	35	
Vault B	10	31	
Kingfisher A	9	27	
Kingfisher B	10	24	
Golden Hind	9	20	
Dolphin B	9	17	
Clarence A	8	11	
New Inn	8	11	

on the frontier skittles round-up

East Devon Hunt

Division One	Pld	Pts
Culm Vale	12	20
Blacksmiths	10	16
Honiton Clyst	12	14
Marvels	12	14
Ur Arts	11	12
Sutton Wanderers	12	12
Talaton	12	12
Foxhollow	12	11
Marsh Green	11	10
Auctioneers	12	10
Stags	12	12
Night Owls	12	9
Sidford	11	6
Upottery	11	6

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Jack's Lads	11	18
A Team	11	16
Latcomers	11	16
Zulu Warriors	11	15
Perkins Village	11	13
Breakaways	11	12
Keepers	11	12
Cocks & Hens	11	10
Top Cats	11	10
Awlcombe Shoot	10	7
Tuckers Arms	10	6
Brookside	12	5
Bakers 8	11	2

Division Three

Division Three	Pld	Pts
New Inn	10	18
Broadcast	11	14
Bashers	7	12
Goldtops	11	12
Guys & Gals	11	12
Yetties	9	10
Alley Cats	11	10
Axe Valley	11	10
Here for the Beer	10	8
Cee Dee's	11	8
Maynards	8	6
Yo'so's	10	6
Earth Stoppers	8	2

Top Scores: Steve Slade (Perkins Village) 91, Brian Carter (Broadcav) & Steve Webber (Breakways) both 87.

Colyton

Div 1;	Vine B	343	(D Pratt 67)
New Inn	A 344	(R Webb 66)	
Colcombe	A 455	(C Hales 89)	
Tuckers Arms B	456	(K Tratt 92)	
Lamb A	336	(P Pomeroy 66)	
Colyton Club A	337	(V Trott 61)	
Honiton Con A	D 395	(S Williams 78)	
ConArtists C	318	(M Parkin 59)	
Tuckers Arms C	344	(R Burrough 66)	
Honiton Wmc B	349	(G Hart, J Smith 61)	
Axminster Inn A	327	(D Morgan 61)	
Kings Arms A	287	(R Allen 58)	
Winstons A	335	(P Burrows, B Parker 60)	
Honiton Con A	359	(M Richards 67)	

Div 5: Kingfisher B 273 (A Hurford 55) Honiton Con Raiders 258 (S Eveleigh 51); Seaton Bowling club 287 (Ann Wright 54); Dolphin B 280 (Emma Westlake 51); White Hart A 352 (B Parr 68) Sidmouth Arms Kings 306 (S Fuller 60); Tuckers Arms D 310 (R Herbert 57) Heathfield B 342 (Marion Fletcher 61); Colyton Club B 361 (G Richards 66) Winstons Koots 300 (D Purrington 55).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Okey Doaks	6	72
Down's	6	69
Pop Darts	5	57
Random Tossers	5	51
Pirates	6	50
Cult of Personality	5	42
Nice Ricks	5	42
Pig Jockeys	5	40
PAs	5	40
Most 180s: S.Cutter & L.Cox both x3, G.Knight, G.Hill & P.Lawrence all x2, six players x1		

Division One	Pld	Pts
Red Lion Cav	12	20
Gerrard A	12	19
New Inn A	12	18
Axe Con A	12	17
Vine B	12	16

Div 2: Kings Arms Beers 313 (J Gladstone 69)

Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Con Rebels	290	(W Phillips 58)
B&Gs	284	

AXMINSTER MEN's results Dec 14th

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Red Lion Cav	12	20
Gerrard A	12	19
New Inn A	12	18
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Beer Albion Reserves



◆ **THE FISHERMEN:** Beer Albion Reserves who have begun to climb away from the bottom of the Devon & Exeter League Division Five table after back-to-back victories. Line-up, standing, from left; Paul Langham (Manager), Billy Long, Robert Adkin, Alex Paget, Nathan Newbury, Henry Bartlett, John Adkin, Aaron Wain (Capt), Tommy Ledger. Front left to right: Ollie Paget, Andrew Foster, Joel Seward, Jack White, Adam Brewer, Jamie Walker, Ed Karajev. *Photo by BRIAN ADKIN*

Colyton Under 12



◆ **CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY:** Colyton Youth U12s had an early Christmas surprise recently when they were presented with brand new kit shirts by local company Coly Electrical Ltd. Jon Eyes, manager of Coly Electrical Ltd noted "We're really pleased to have been able to sponsor the team this year. Team manager Mike Challis commented "The shirts are great and the lads are really happy to have new kit for the year. The team has been playing well recently and working really hard." More information about the club can be found on www.colytonyouthfootball.co.uk

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